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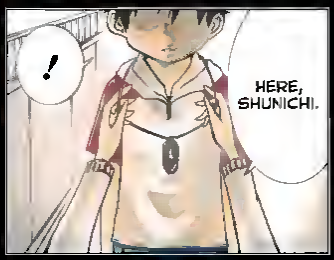
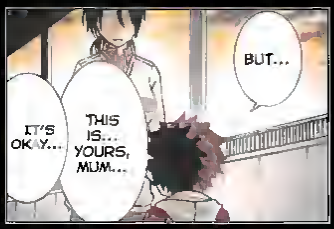
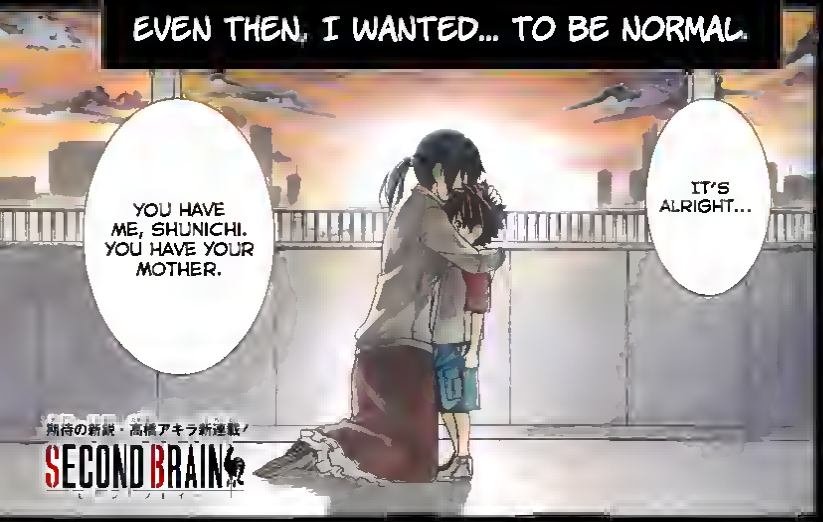
I'VE NOTICED... THAT I'M A MONSTER.





EVEN THEN, I WANTED... TO BE NORMAL.



近未来超能力バトルファンタジー開幕!!

RAISING THE CURTAIN OF A BIG-SHOT NEW SERIES!!
2036 A.D.
TOUHOKU REGIONAL CAPITAL, SENDAI.
新連載「SECOND BRAIN」

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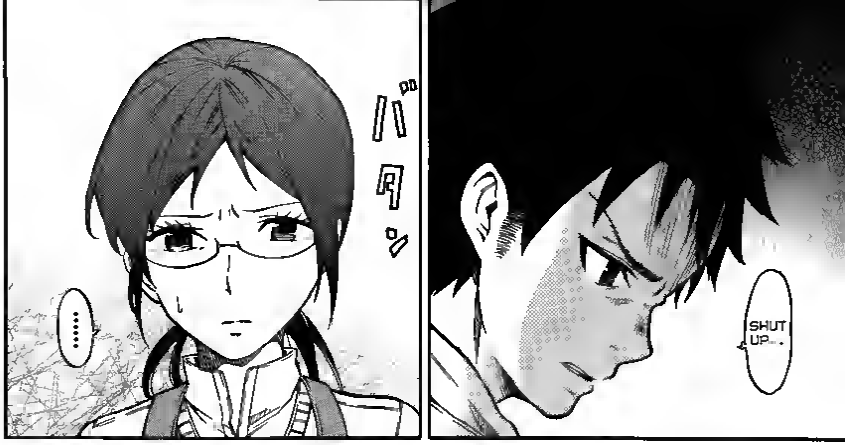
ICHIHARA
YOU ARE FORGET-TING YOUR BENTO...

SHUN!!

SO YOU NEED TO EAT PROPERLY, OR YOU WON'T HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH!!
WHY!? STARTING TODAY, YOU'RE IN YOUR THIRD YEAR,
DON'T NEED IT.
ARGH!! HEY, DON'T PUT IT THERE!!
DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A KID YOU'RE SO ANNOYING!!
YOU DON'T HAVE TISSUES AND A HANDKERCHIEF WITHYOU EITHER!!
I'M TELLING YOU, DON'T PUT IT THERE!!
HUH!? I DON'T EVEN FEEL BAD AT ALL!!
LISTEN TO ME, AND DRINK IT PROPERLY.
YOU'RE ALSO FORGETTING YOUR USUAL MEDICINE.

I'M NOT AT THE AGE WHERE I SHOULD STILL WEAR LAME STUFF LIKE THAT...
LISTEN TO ME,
IT'S A GOOD LUCK CHARM, SO YOU NEED TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT.
ALSO, YOU...
TRIED TO LEAVE THIS AT HOME AGAIN...
WHAT THE HECK... SO ANNOYING...
WEATHER VANES KEEP EVIL SPIRITS AWAY,
SO WEAR IT PROPERLY.
HAAH... REALLY, KIDS LIKE YOU...
DON'T GET INTO A FIGHT LIKE LAST TIME,
GET ALONG WITH YOUR FRIE-
UNDER-STAND?
ALSO...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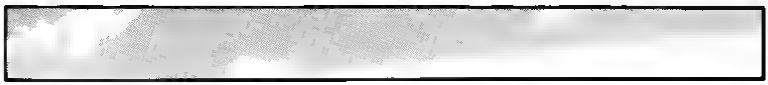
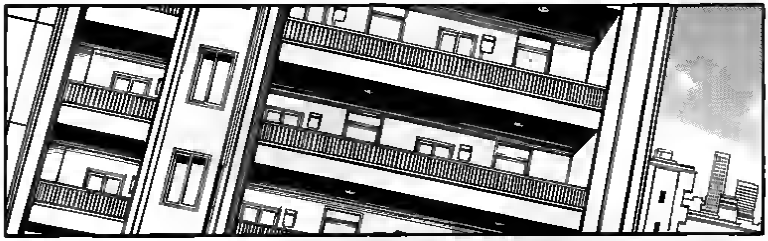
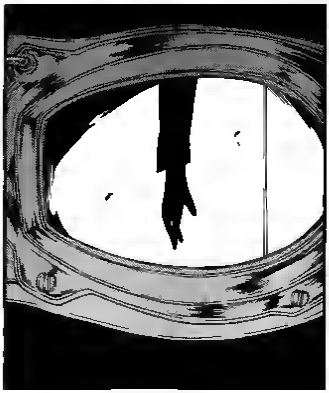
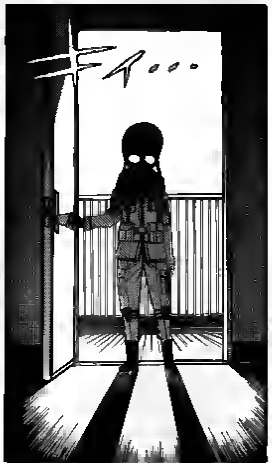
SHUT UP...





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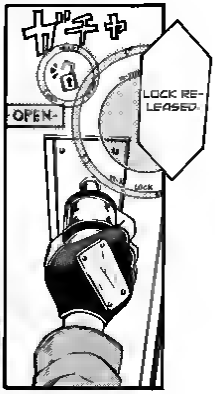
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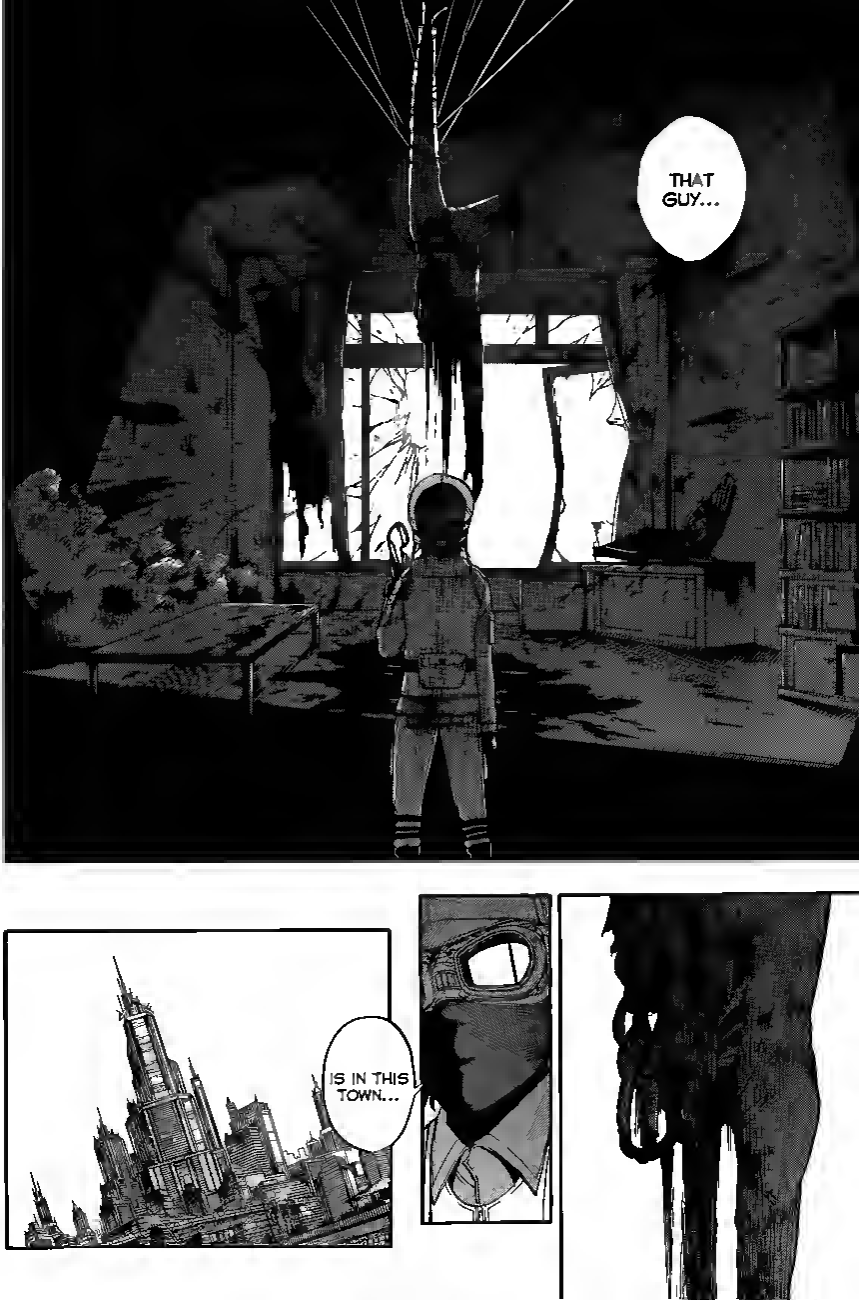
OPEN
LOCK RE-LEASED.
lock

HELLO, TONOKAI HERE.
...YES, I'M DEEPLY SORRY...
YEAH... IT'S THE SAME AS THE THREE CASES AT FUKUSHIMA.
PHONE
XXX - XXXX
CALL.
A TELEKINESIS-LIKE POWER WAS USED IN ALL CASES.
I SEE... SORRY,
TO PUSH A JOB LIKE THIS ONTO YOU...
THAT MEANS
I'M NOT SURE IF OUR TEAM WILL BE ENOUGH TO MANAGE THE SITUATION...
WE NEED URGENT SUPPORT.
GOT IT. I'LL MAKE IMMEDIATE PREPARATIONS.
YEAH... HE'S HERE.


THAT GUY...
IS IN THIS TOWN...

ANNOYING...

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TSK...
WHERE...
DID THEY HIDE THAT THING...

ONLY...
THAT OLD MAN...

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AND THAT WOMAN ARE LEFT...

A-5
A-4
A-3
Sendai 9th Private Middle School
3rd Year's Class Division
LOOK...
THAT'S THE MONSTER, ICHIKAWA, NO?
...CLASS 1, HUH...
WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I GET INTO THE SAME CLASS AS HIM...
HE HAD A FIST FIGHT WITH CLASS 2'S NAKASE AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY, RIGHT?
SHH... HE CAN HEAR YOU...
ISN'T HE CURSED ...?
...
WHAT... THAT'S SCARY...
THAT TIME, I HEARD THAT THE PEOPLE AROUND HIM FELL UNCONSCIOUS...

UGH,
WHY DO I HAVE TO TAKE THIS STUFF EVERY TIME...?
HAAH...
...
WHAT HAPPENED SHUNICHI!?
DID YOU GET INTO A FIGHT AGAIN!?
THEY... TOLD ME THAT IT'S STRANGE I DON'T HAVE A DAD... SO I HIT THEM
AND THEN, WHEN THEY HIT ME BACK..
AND I TRIED TO STAND UP...
AH, GEEZ... KIDS LIKE YOU...
I WONDER WHY YOU ARE SO HASTY TO GET INTO FIGHTS...

THEY FELL DOWN ALL BY THEMSELVES...
THEY LOOKED LIKE SOMETHING WAS HURTING THEM...
EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING...
EVERYONE... SAID I DID IT...
THAT I AM "CURSED"...
THAT I AM A "MONSTER"...
MOM...
WHAT... AM I...?
AM I NOT NORMAL?
...YOU ARE NOT A MONSTER, OR ANYTHING OF THE SORT, SHUNICHI...
I KNOW IT, SO BELIEVE ME...

SHUN-ICHI, THIS PENDANT OF YOURS...
IS A WEATHER VANE, YOU KNOW.
WEATHER VANE?
IT'S A GOOD LUCK CHARM THAT KEEPS EVIL SPIRITS AWAY...
IT WILL ALWAYS PROTECT YOU, SHUNICHI.
TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT.

ICHIHARA.
NAKASE ...
YOU AGAIN ...?
SO ANNOYING... I'LL PASS.
!
GET DOWN HERE.
ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT... BECAUSE YOU ARE AFRAID OF LOSING AGAINST ME?
HUH?
THE HECK-!
DON'T LOOK!
LOOK MAMA, THAT PERSON!!

WHAT THE HECK'S THAT!!?
Cosplay?
WHA
DO EVERYTHING TO GET TO HER BEFORE HIM...
PROTECT ICHIHARA MOMOKO.
AH!!
PATROL ROBOT!!
SO COOL!
AH IT GOES TOWARDS THE DIRECTION OF THAT SUSPICIOUS PERSON
A DOUBLE TAKE!!!
!!?
WILL WILL SHE BE QUESTIONED!?
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HUH?
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GOOD JOB.
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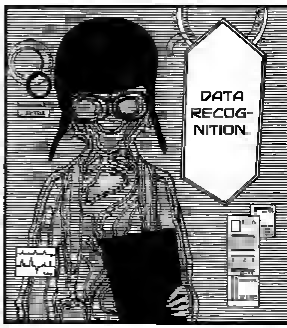
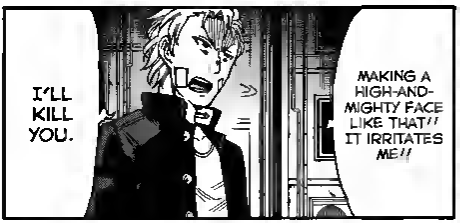
AH...
THANKS
IGNORED!!?
Even though that's definitely a suspicious person?


DATA RECOGNITION.

A FLUKE LIKE THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE.
.....
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE A CURSED MONSTER, OR WHAT, BUT...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF TRICK YOU USED LAST TIME, BUT...
IT'D BOTHER ME IF YOU THOUGHT YOU WON WITH JUST THAT.


I'LL KILL YOU.
MAKING A HIGH-AND-MIGHTY FACE LIKE THAT!! IT IRRITATES ME!!

WHAT CAN YOU ALONE DO?
YOU'RE RUNNING YOUR MOUTH A LOT, NAKASE.

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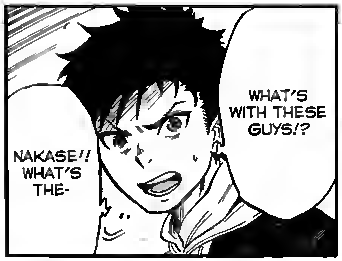
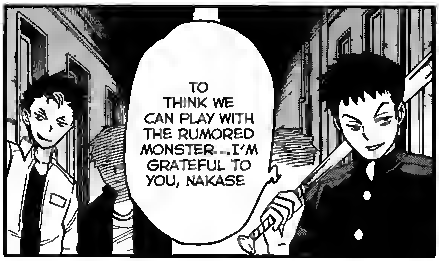
THAT'S MY LINE TO ASK, ICHIHARA.


WHAT'S WITH THESE GUYS!?
NAKASE!! WHAT'S THE-


TO THINK WE CAN PLAY WITH THE RUMORED MONSTER...I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU, NAKASE

BUHH!
COWARDLY?
KUH...
NAKASE, YOU...
DOING COWARDLY THINGS LIKE THAT...
LET'S DO IT, YOU GUYS!!
THERE'S NOTHING COWARDLY OR SHIT LIKE THAT IN ELIMINATING MONSTERS.
SHIT!!
GUH
IT SEEMS THAT ATTACKING IN NUMBERS IS EFFECTIVE!

FOR A MONSTER LIKE YOU,
THERE IS NO ONE ON YOUR SIDE, YOU KNOW.
YOU GOT IT NOW, RIGHT? THAT THERE ARE THIS MANY PEOPLE WHO DON'T THINK ANY GOOD OF YOU...
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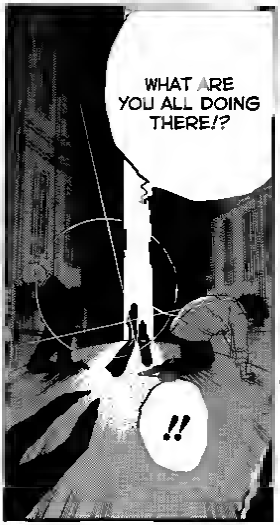
YOU AGAIN!?
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE!!?
!?
THE HECK!?
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
GUHH...

ドクン
Cough
GUH


WHAT ARE YOU ALL DOING THERE!?
!!

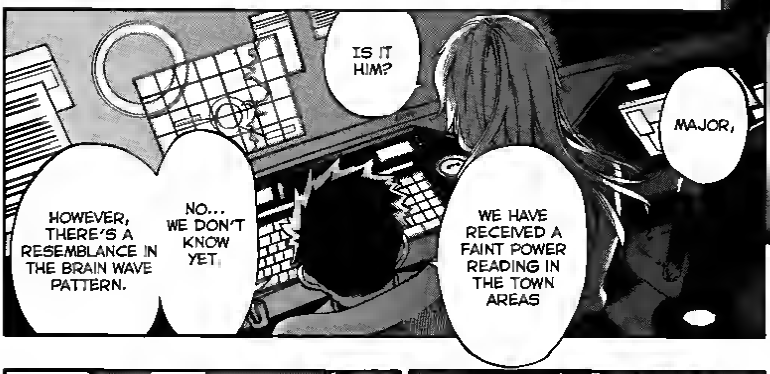
YOU MONSTER
.....

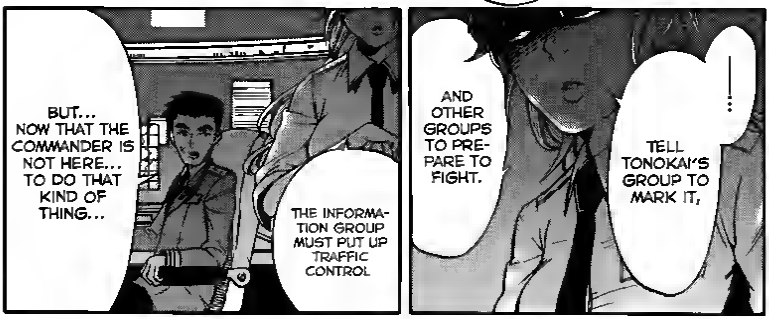
SHIT ....!!

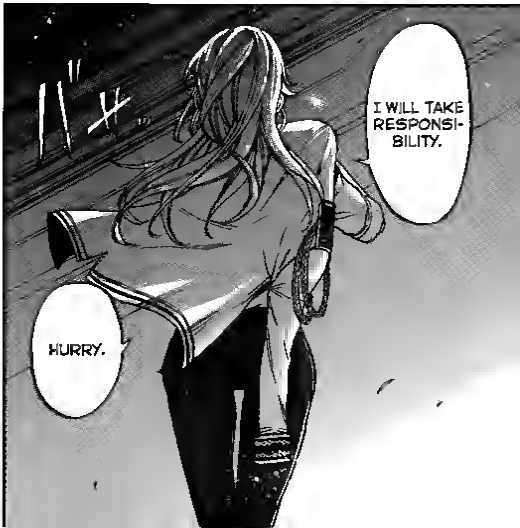
OH...
Yoshinaga Shop
MOMO-CHAN,
YES?
IT SEEMS THE TV BROKE DOWN AGAIN.
BECAUSE IT'S AN OLD ONE. I WONDER IF IT'LL WORK IF I HIT IT A BIT
HUUH!? STOP!! STOP!!

WOW!! AS EXPECTED OF MOMO-CHAN, SO SKILLFUL.
NOW, IT SHOULD BE OKAY, I THINK.
THERE'S A PROPER WAY TO REPAIR MACHINES...
GEEZ... MANAGER
ACCORDING TO TOUHOKU REGIONAL POLICE.
SUZUKI TAICHI SAN (32)
SUZUKI TAICHI-SAN'S CORPSE HAS BEEN FOUND IN HIS OWN MANSION. THE CAUSE OF DEATH IS UN-NATURAL.
THIS MORNING, AT ABOUT 8 00 IN SENDAI'S AOBA.
IS THIS A SERIAL KILLER CASE!?
NOW, THE NEXT NEWS
BEEP
WITH THE NEW HOLOGRAM TYPES, MY EYES GET TIRED...
IT'S AN OLD ONE AFTER ALL, SO WON'T YOU BUY A NEW ONE?
AND NOW, THE NEXT NEWS.
SUZUKI KUN...!?
THEY ARE WORKING ON IT AS A HOMICIDE CASE.
THE MURDERER WAS THE SAME PERSON AS IN THE THREE CASES IN FUKUSHIMA.

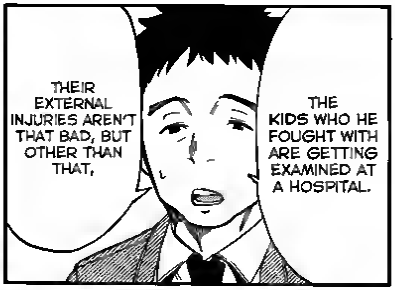
IT CHASED AFTER US...!!
THAT IS...!!!
?
...ER US..
WHAT HAPPENED, MOMO-CHAN?
ドン
CALL.
SHUN-ICHI...
!
EXCUSE ME, MANAGER... I HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT-
OKAY, TAKE CARE.
HELLO... YES... THAT'S RIGHT... HUH!?
SHUN-ICHI DID!?
YES... I'LL BE THERE SHORTLY.
CALL.
PHONE
仙台西警察署
XXX-XXXX
THE POLICE!?


MAJOR,
WE HAVE RECEIVED A FAINT POWER READING IN THE TOWN AREAS
IS IT HIM?
NO... WE DON'T KNOW YET.
HOWEVER, THERE'S A RESEMBLANCE IN THE BRAIN WAVE PATTERN.


!
TELL TONOKAI'S GROUP TO MARK IT,
AND OTHER GROUPS TO PREPARE TO FIGHT.
THE INFORMATION GROUP MUST PUT UP TRAFFIC CONTROL
BUT... NOW THAT THE COMMANDER IS NOT HERE... TO DO THAT KIND OF THING...


I WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.
HURRY.

SHUNICHI!! YOU MADE ME WORRY AGAIN!!
I NEVER ASKED YOU TO COME FOR ME.
YOU!! DID YOU GET INTO A FIGHT AGAIN!?
PLEASE CALM DOWN, MA'AM...
WHY DO YOU USE THAT FIST OF YOURS SO EASILY!?


THEIR EXTERNAL INJURIES AREN'T THAT BAD, BUT OTHER THAN THAT,
THE KIDS WHO HE FOUGHT WITH ARE GETTING EXAMINED AT A HOSPITAL.

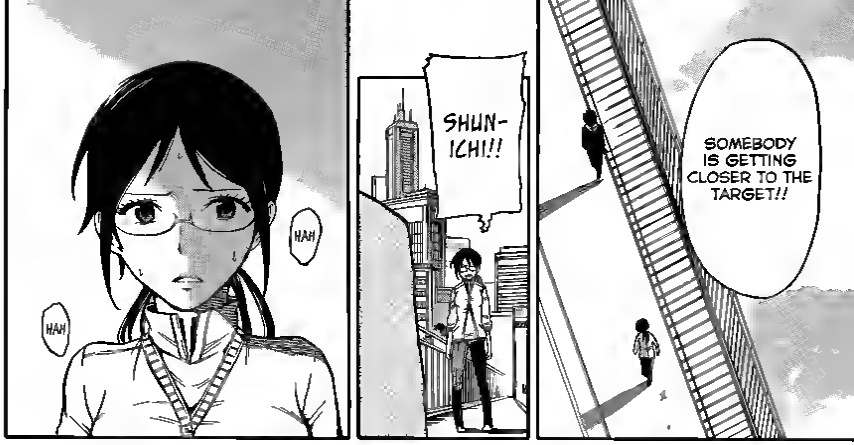
FR/N "IDIOPATHIC" = A WORD USED TO DEFINE A DISEASE OR MEDICAL CONDITION WHOSE CAUSE IS UNKNOWN OR ARISES SPONTANEOUSLY

IT C.N'T... RESTRAIN HIM ANYMORE...!?
!!
AN IDIOPATHIC BREATHING DIFFICULTY ?
BUT THE MEDICINE SHOULD HAVE WORKED!!
NO WAY..
I...
I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE..
THAT'S BAD.. EVEN THOUGH THAT IS HERE ALREADY...
!?
BUT IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE...
I'M A MONSTER...
I... WANTED TO LIVE NORMALLY LIKE THE OTHERS...

SHUN...
THAT I'M A MONSTER...
YOU KNOW IT, RIGHT?
I DID IT AGAIN... THEY... FELL DOWN IN AGONY...
YOU'RE ANNOYED BY THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE A CHILD LIKE ME, RIGHT!?
THE TRUTH IS, YOU THINK I'M CREEPY, RIGHT!?
THOSE WHO BECAME CONCERNED WITH ME ALL BECAME UNHAPPY.
I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN TOLD THAT... I'M CURSED... A MONSTER
FOR A MONSTER LIKE YOU, THERE IS NO ONE ON YOUR SIDE, YOU KNOW.
JUST BECAUSE YOU ARE MY MOTHER, YOU BOTHERED WITH ME AND YOU PRETENDED TO ATTEND TO ME, RIGHT!?
I WAS THE ONE CURSING THEM...!!
I WAS NEVER THE CURSED ONE...

THIS THING, FROM THE START...
KEEPS EVIL SPIRITS AWAY, MY ASS!!
WAS MEANING-LESS!!!

VIII...
TONOKAI HERE,
TARGET CONFIRMED.
THE BRAIN WAVE PATTERN MATCHES.
BUT...
THE BODY IS OF A HUMAN...
ISN'T IT SOME KIND OF MISTAKE!?
VIII...
!?
THE BRAIN OF A NORMAL HUMAN WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO BEAR...
THE SAME WAVE PATTERN AS A SECOND BRAIN!!
!! BUT... THAT'S...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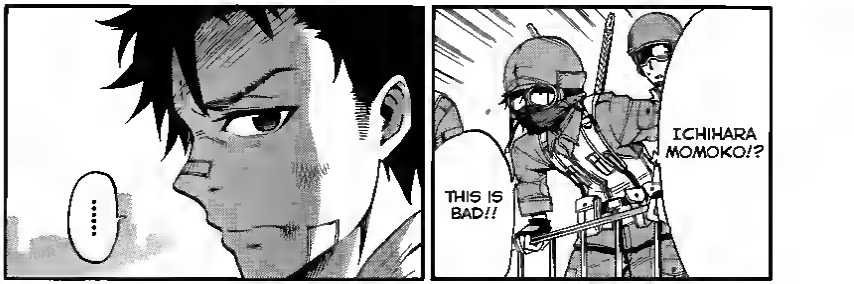
HAH
SHUN-ICHI!!!
SOMEBODY IS GETTING CLOSER TO THE TARGET!!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THIS IS BAD!!
ICHIHARA MOMOKO!?

MAJOR!?
LET ME GO!!! LEAVE ME ALONE!!
SHUN-ICHI...

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!?

DON'T MOVE!!
SHUN-ICHI!!
!?
STEP BACK, PLEASE.
YOU ARE THE ONE WHO'S KILLING OFF ALL THE RESEARCHERS, RIGHT?
THIS KID IS-
STOP!! YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG!!
WHO THE HECK ARE YOU!?
!?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

COMING TO LOOK AT HOW THINGS ARE GOING,
YOU ARE DOING SOME AMUSING THINGS..
YO...
LONG TIME NO SEE
ICHIHARA MOMOKO.
N...

N...
NUMBER 5...

N...
NUMBER 5!!
!?

WHAT'S WITH THAT KID...?

SHINHIROSE BRIDGE
DO NOT ENTER
EMERGENCY
CLOSE DOWN THE BRIDGE IMMEDIATELY!!!
YES!!
NUMBER 5!?
DON'T STOP SO SUDDENLY!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, IDIOTS!?
POLICE
ACCIDENT?
ICHIHARA MOMOKO... A QUESTION FOR YOU..
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
YEAH... SOME KIND OF ACCIDENT HAPPENED ON THE BRIDGE...
POLICE

JUST LIKE THE OTHERS!!!
YOU WILL KILL ME ANYWAY, RIGHT!?

EVEN IF I KNEW, LIKE I WOULD TELL YOU...

WHERE DID YOU HIDE *THAT*?

NUMBER 5!? *THAT*!?
?
?
!

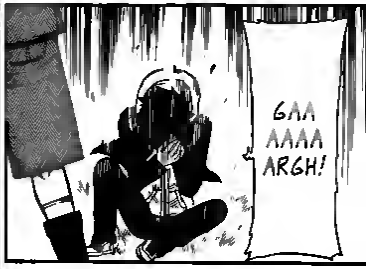
WELL, YOU ARE TRAITORS.
OF COURSE I'LL KILL YOU.
THAT'S WHY, IF YOU TELL ME WHERE *THAT* IS, I WILL KILL YOU IN A KIND WAY.

HE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!!

SO HE'S ALIVE.
THE ONE NEXT TO YOU IS THE FAILURE FROM THAT TIME, NO?
STOP!!

HEY HEY, CAN YOU REALLY SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
WELL, OKAY... I WILL JUST HAVE TO KILL THE BOTH OF YOU.
GUH
YOUR LITTLE RESEARCHER FRIENDS, TOO .
THEY ALL DIED LIKE THIS, YOU KNOW?
!!
STOP, YOU BRAT!!!

SH...


GAA AAAA ARGH!

A FAILURE...
SHOULDN'T TRY TO RESIST ME.

GUH

DIE,
TRAITOR.
DAMN...
I'M TRYING TO HOLD BACK, AND THEN HE TAKES ADVANTAGE OF IT...
HURRY, LET'S GET AWAY!!
THAT KID IS TERRIBLE.

I'M YOUR ENEMY,
NUMBER 5.
I WON'T LET YOU LAY A HAND ON ICHIHARA-SHI.

EVEN THOUGH YOU GOVERNMENT DOGS ARE ALWAYS IN THE WAY,
YOU ARE TOO NAIVE.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME THAT.
LIKE YOU'RE TRYING TO CHEW THE LIFE OUT OF ME.
COME AT ME,
SCREECH OUT...
HESITATE ARMS!

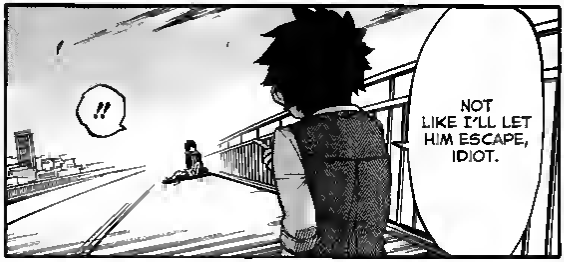
WOW, YOU HAVE SUPER-NATURAL POWERS.
OH, TELE-KINESIS, HUH?

I...
I CAN'T MOVE...
TODAY, MY JOB COMES FIRST.
SMACK
!!
IT'S NOT BAD PLAYING WITH YOU, BUT...
!?
RU-
WHAT ARE YOU—
!!
DAMN!

N—

SHU...
N...

HAH
M...MOM..?
HAH


!!
NOT LIKE I'LL LET HIM ESCAPE, IDIOT.

MOM!
WHY...
D. DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.
LEAVE ME HE—RE—
AND ESCA..PE—

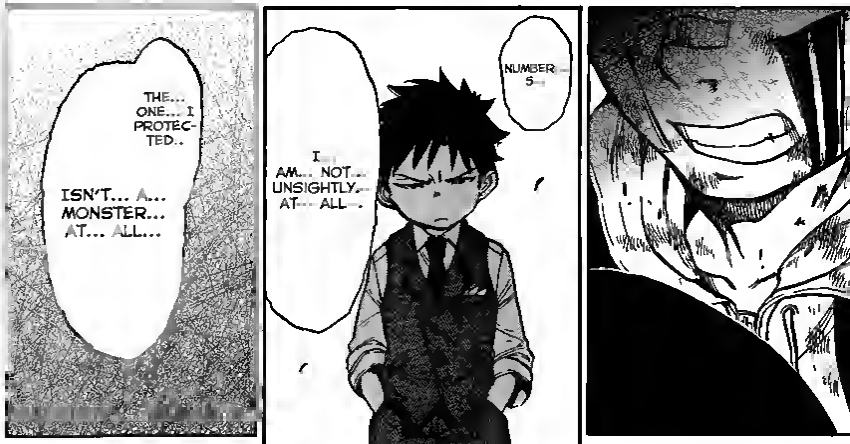
...DID YOU DO THIS...!?
YOU...

Y...YOU MONSTER...

...WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT...!?
...!?
THEN, YOU WITH THE SAME BRAIN TISSUE, WHAT DOES THAT MAKE YOU?
MONSTER?
THAT'S FINE.
...I...
EVEN THEN, YOU TRY TO BE A HUMAN?
YOU NOTICED IT TOO, RIGHT? THAT YOU'RE A MONSTER...
SHUN..
KUH...
HAAH...
SAY, ICHIHARA, HOW UNSIGHTLY.
WEA. THER VANE...
MOM!?
...THIS...
TO DIE WHILE PROTECTING THAT MONSTER!

THIS THING, FROM THE START, WAS MEANING-LESS!!!
I WAS THE ONE CURSING THEM!!
KEEPS EVIL SPIRITS AWAY, MY ASS!!
!
PEN..
DAN.. T...

YOU HAVE ME, SHUNICHI, YOU HAVE YOUR MOTHER.
IT'S ALRIGHT...


THE... ONE... I PROTEC-TED..
ISN'T... A... MONSTER... AT... ALL...
I... AM... NOT... UNSIGHTLY... AT... ALL...
NUMBER 5...

IT... WAS..
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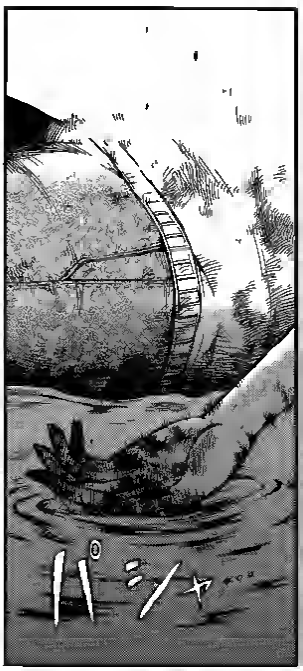
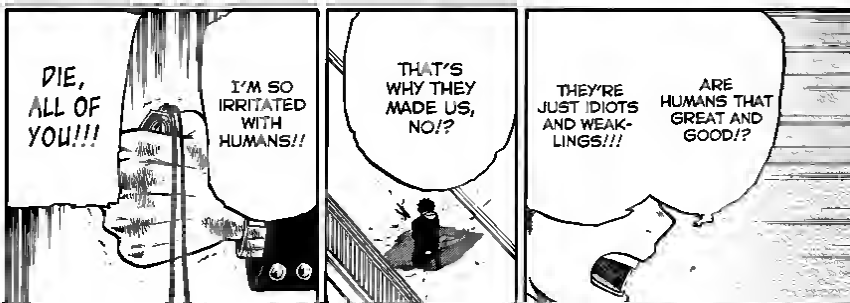
MY...
CUTE.. LITTLE..
MOM ...
SO...N...



I LOATHE THEM!! THIS KIND OF...!!
AH, SO ANNOY-ING. HUMANS ARE ANNOY-ING...

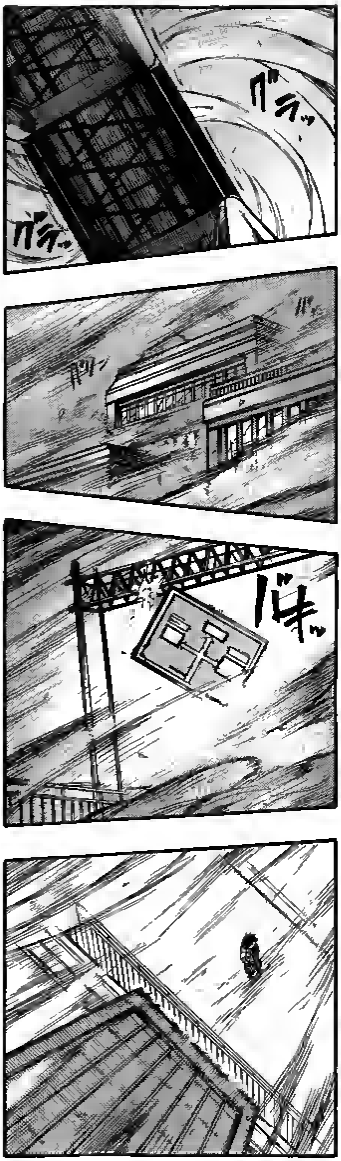

DIE, ALL OF YOU!!!
I'M SO IRRITATED WITH HUMANS!!
THAT'S WHY THEY MADE US, NO!?
THEY'RE JUST IDIOTS AND WEAK-LINGS!!!
ARE HUMANS THAT GREAT AND GOOD!?

I'M A MONSTER...

I HAVE NO ALLIES.

EVEN THEN,

ONLY MOM...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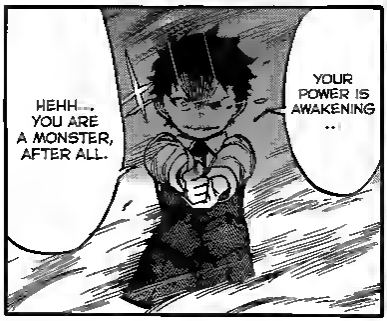
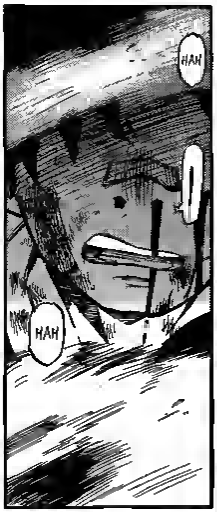
WHAT'S WITH THIS POWER...!?
THIS... IS UNTHINK-ABLE!!


YOUR POWER IS AWAKENING ..
HEHH... YOU ARE A MONSTER, AFTER ALL.


HAH
HAH

TSK...
THE WIND IS TOO POWERFUL, SO I CAN'T STABILIZE MY AIM...
HOWEVER,
THAT, TOO, IS ONLY A QUESTION OF TIME.
GUH...
JUST AFTER AWAKE-NING...
YOU CAN'T USE YOUR POWER FOR SO LONG.
DIE.

A MILITARY UNIFORM...
!!
INDOU KEIKO!?
DON'T EVEN LEAVE A SPECK OF DUST AFTER WE'RE DONE WITH THAT SHITHEAD.
THEIR PROTECTION IS OUR TOP PRIORITY.
FIRE!!
CALCULATION ERROR CORRECTION, 0.002 TO THE RIGHT
TARGET LOCKED!!

TSK—
LIKE I'LL LET THEM ESCAPE!!
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TSK.
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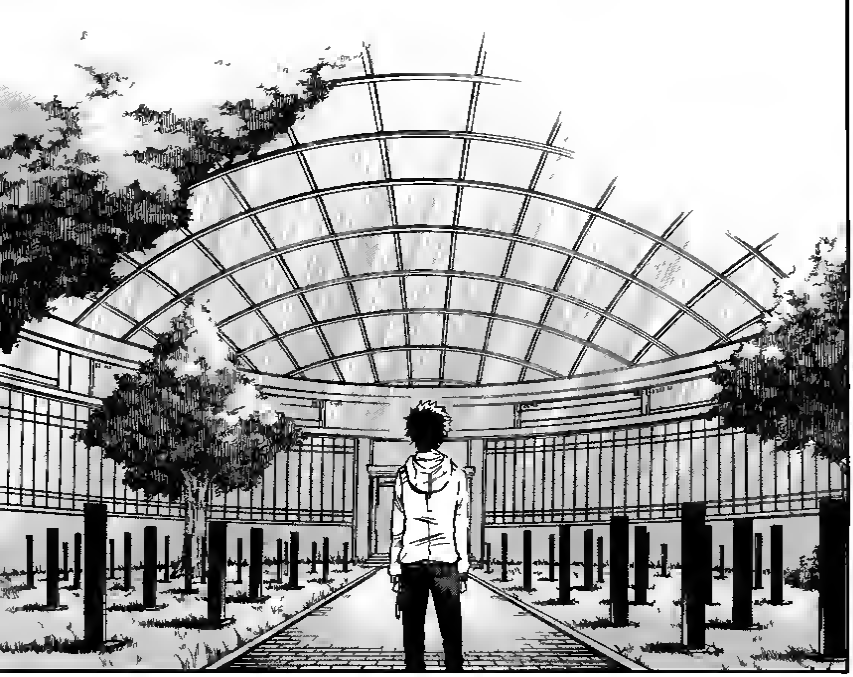
WHERE... AM I....?



Ichihara
Momoko
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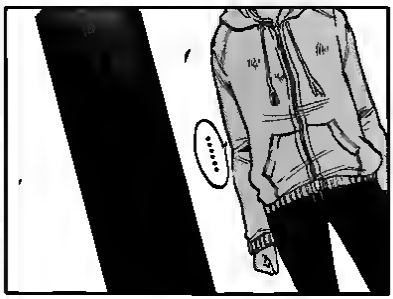
WHAT'S THIS... A CEMETERY ...?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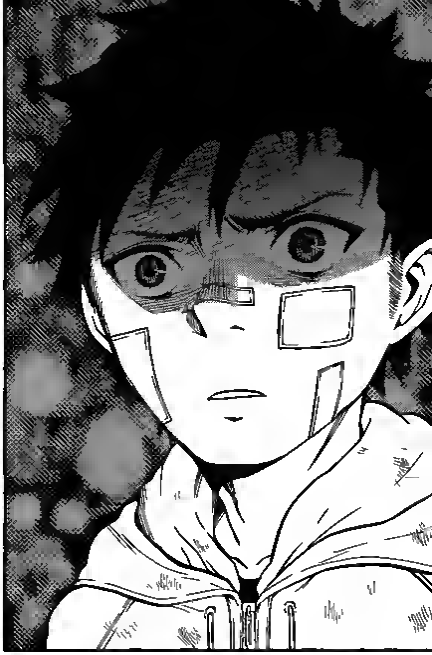
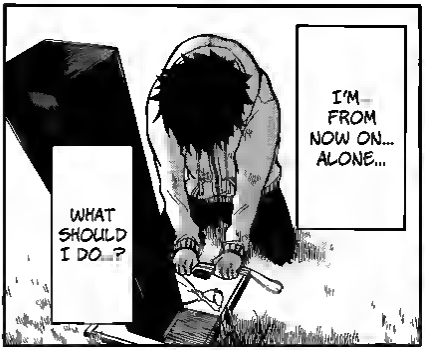
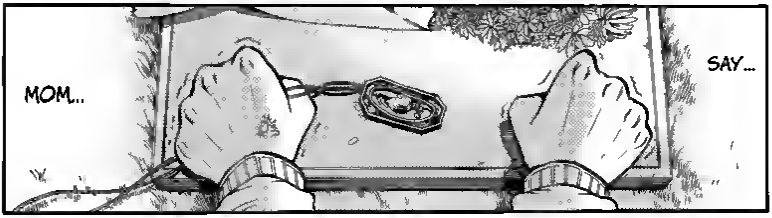
DIED...
THAT'S RIGHT... MOM




I'M... FROM NOW ON... ALONE...
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?


MOM...
SAY...

WE BURIED HER OURSELVES...
I'M SORRY... YOU WERE UNCONSCIOUS FOR 5 DAYS, SO...

!!
...SO YOU WOKE UP...
ICHIHARA SHUNICHI ..
-KUN.

!
...WHO...
ARE YOU?
ABOUT YOUR MOTHER... REALLY... I'M DEEPLY SORRY...
EVEN THOUGH I WAS THERE... THINGS BECAME LIKE THIS...
!
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, WE HAVEN'T MET FACE TO FACE YET..
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT...
YOU KNOW, RIGHT?
?
.....
SAY...
WHY DID MOM HAVE TO DIE LIKE THAT...?
WHO THE KID WHO KILLED MOM WAS...

WHY DID SHE HAVE TO BE KILLED!!?
SAY IT!! ANSWER ME!!!
!
THE RESEARCHER WHO MADE THAT KID.
ICHIHARA MOMOKO WAS...
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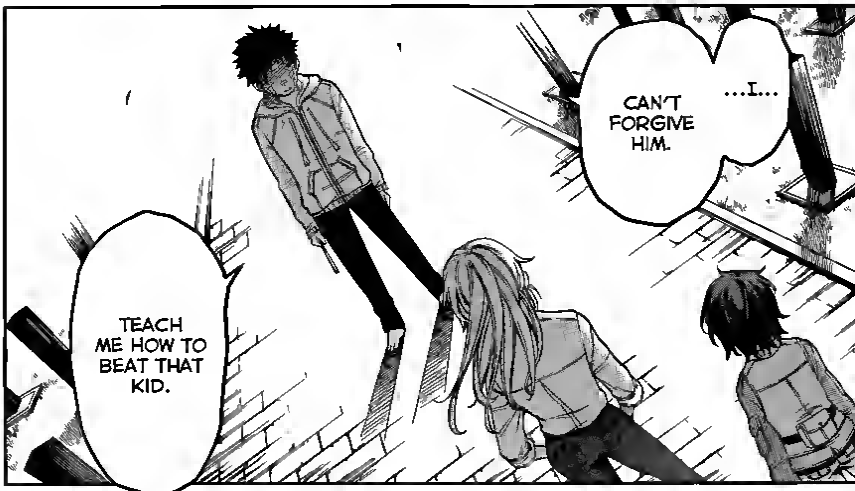
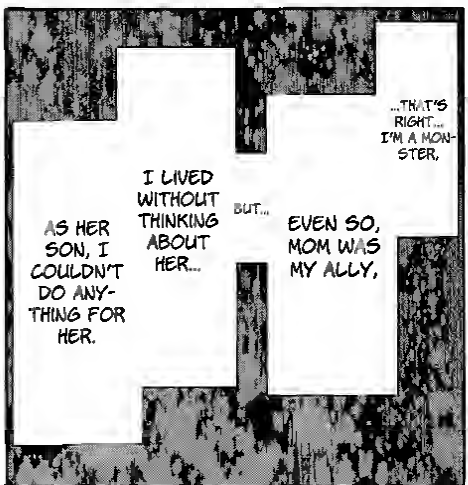
SAY...
MOM MADE...
THAT KID?
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN!?
IT'S A GIVEN THAT SHE WAS TARGETED.
THE RE-SEARCHERS KNOW ABOUT HIS WEAK POINT...

IT MEANS AS I SAID...
THAT KID IS A "SECOND BRAIN".
USING A POWER UNKNOWN TO HUMANS, IT TRIES TO RULE OVER PEOPLE...
IT'S AN ANDROID.
INDOU SAN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
IT IS UNNECESSARY FOR HIM TO KNOW-
ANDROID...?
THIS ONE ALREADY AWAKENED AS A POWER USER.
FURTHERMORE, HE DID SO BY HIS OWN POWER-
NO MATTER WHAT, IT CAN'T BE TURNED BACK ANYMORE
ALSO... IT'S A BOY WHO HAS THE SAME BRAIN AS A SECOND... INTERESTING...
!
WE ARE AN ORGANIZATION WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO GET RID OF THAT KID,
THE NATIONAL SECRET AGENCY.

WELL, YEAH.
SO THAT MEANS,
YOU KNOW HOW TO BEAT HIM...?


TEACH ME HOW TO BEAT THAT KID.
...I... CAN'T FORGIVE HIM.


AS HER SON, I COULDN'T DO ANY-THING FOR HER.
I LIVED WITHOUT THINKING ABOUT HER...
BUT...
EVEN SO, MOM WAS MY ALLY,
...THAT'S RIGHT... I'M A MON-STER,

FUFU... I DON'T MIND, YOU KNOW?
YOU ARE TELLING US TO MAKE YOU OUR COMRADE ..?
SOME-THING'S WRONG WITH YOUR HEAD!!
INDOU-SAN!! TO MAKE A MONSTER WHOSE POWER WENT ON RAMPAGE OUR COMRADE!?

I HAVE TO START MOVING NOW.
I CAN'T FORGIVE MYSELF!!!
MORE THAN THAT BRAT.
I WILL SMASH THAT BRAT.
I WILL TAKE REVENGE FOR MOM'S DEATH!!!
MAKING ANGER FUEL HIS OWN LACK OF POWER, THE BOY STARTS TO WALK A NEW PATH...
SECOND BRAIN——2月号につづく

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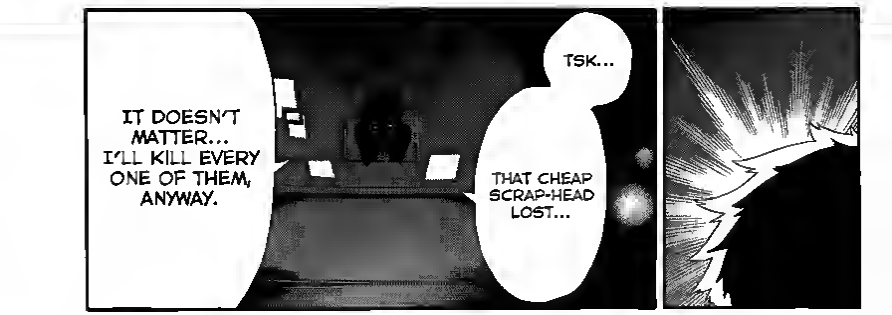
IT DOESN'T MATTER... I'LL KILL EVERY ONE OF THEM, ANYWAY.
TSK... THAT CHEAP SCRAP-HEAD LOST...

UMM... I'M SORRY...

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THE DEATH OF HIS MOTHER, THE ONLY PERSON WHO UNDERSTOOD HIM... HOLDING HIS SELF-DIRECTED ANGER TO HIS CHEST, THE BOY BEGINS TO ADVANCE FORWARD!!
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HEY!!
WHERE ARE WE GOING!?
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT YOU LOCKED ME AWAY IN THAT INFIRMARY, YOU SUDDENLY...
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT!?
...I'M SHOWING YOU TO YOUR ROOM.
...!?
MY ROOM?
STARTING TODAY, YOU WILL LIVE IN THE HEAD-QUARTERS
HUH!? WHAT ABOUT MY HOME!?
YOU'RE ON PROBATION RIGHT NOW, SO I CAN'T SEND YOU HOME.
VRMMM

...LIVING HERE...
I JUST WANT TO TAKE REVENGE FOR MOM!!
IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT TO BE TAKEN CARE OF BY YOU LOT!!
ALSO, IT WOULD BOTHER US IF YOU WENT ON A RAMPAGE LIKE LAST TIME... IN SHORT, YOU'RE UNDER SURVEILLANCE.
!
OPEN
INDOU KEIKO
THAT'S PRECISELY WHY OUR ORGANIZATION EXISTS...
ICHIHARA... THAT'S NOT AS EASY AS YOU'D THINK.
THE NATIONAL SECRET AGENCY, MADE TO DEFEAT THE SECOND BRAIN.
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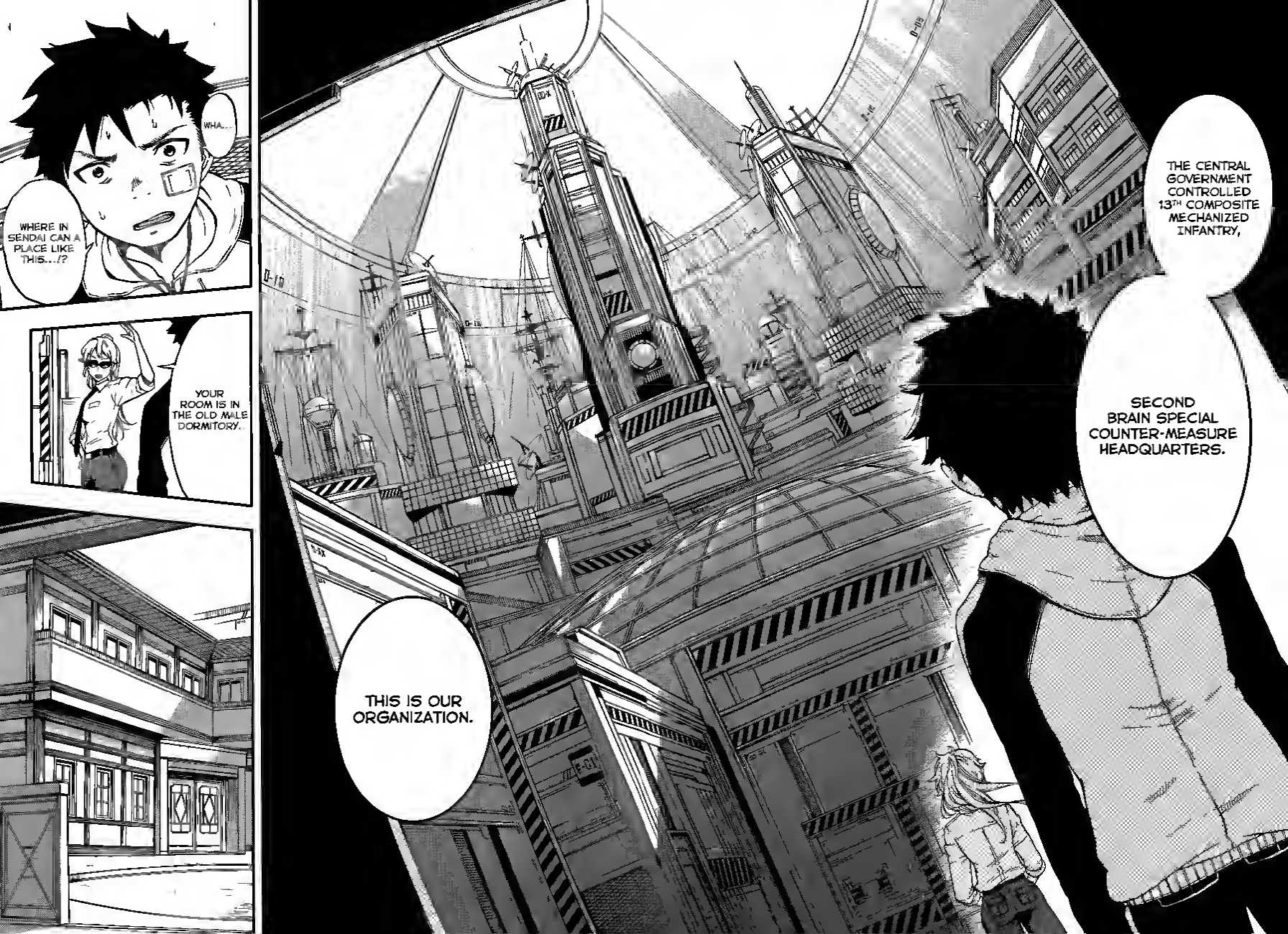
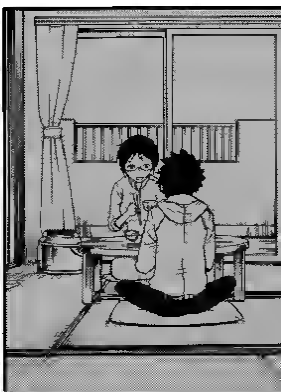
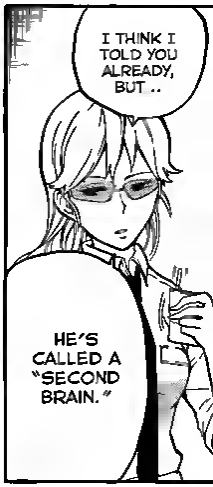

WHA...
WHERE IN SENDAI CAN A PLACE LIKE THIS...!?
YOUR ROOM IS IN THE OLD MALE DORMITORY.
THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED 13TH COMPOSITE MECHANIZED INFANTRY,
SECOND BRAIN SPECIAL COUNTER-MEASURE HEADQUARTERS.
THIS IS OUR ORGANIZATION.

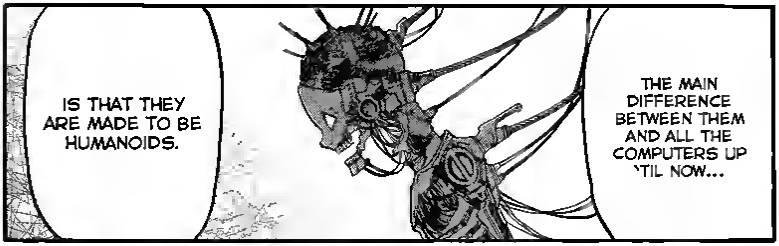
TATAMI, HUH... IT'S A PRETTY OLD BUILDING...
IT'S A BIT SIMILAR TO MY PLACE..
THIS IS YOUR ROOM.



NOW THAT I'VE SHOWED YOU AROUND THE DORM...
I GUESS I'LL JUST EXPLAIN POWER DEVELOPMENT TRAINING TO YOU.
HUH? TRAINING?
CAN'T WE JUST GO AND BEAT UP THAT KID RIGHT AWAY!?
FOR AN AMATEUR LIKE YOU, IT'S WAY TOO EARLY FOR BATTLE!
IN YOUR CURRENT STATE, THAT KID WILL KILL YOU INSTANTLY!
THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU TOLD ME!!
BECAUSE YOU SAID I CAN TAKE REVENGE FOR MY MOM...
WAIT, WAIT.
YOU SAW IT, DIDN'T YOU? ALL THE SUPERNATURAL PHENOMENA THAT KID USED...
TO BE ABLE TO OPPOSE HIM, YOU NEED STRENGTH OF THE SAME LEVEL.
...TO BEGIN WITH, WHAT IS THAT KID, TO BE ABLE TO USE ALL THAT POWER!?

A SUPER COMPUTER,
SECOND BRAIN.
ORIGINALLY, IT WAS MADE TO ABSORB ALL THE INFORMATION OF THIS WORLD,
AND SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF HUMANITY.
No.5
No.
SECOND BRAIN

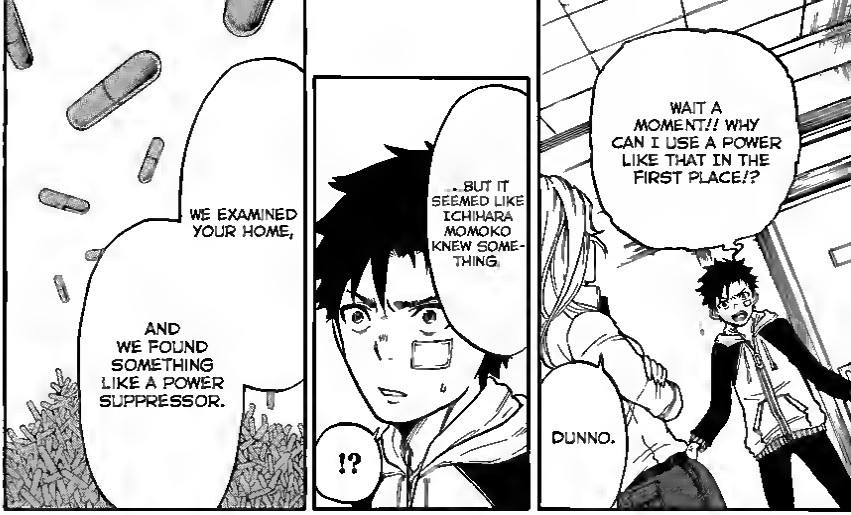

I THINK I TOLD YOU ALREADY, BUT ..
HE'S CALLED A "SECOND BRAIN."


IS THAT THEY ARE MADE TO BE HUMANOIDS.
THE MAIN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM AND ALL THE COMPUTERS UP 'TIL NOW...

AND THEN...
WE GAVE THEM TOO MUCH INFORMATION. THEREFORE, THEY WENT ON A RAMPAGE,

IF EVERYTHING WENT WELL WITH THEIR USE, THIS COUNTRY WOULD'VE BECOME THE WORLD'S FIRST-CLASS POWER...
BUT WE FAILED.

THEY BECAME THE ENEMY OF HUMANITY.
THEY WANT TO EXTER-MINATE HUMANITY,
SAYING THAT THEY ARE THE ONES WHO SHOULD RULE OVER HUMANITY AND CONTROL THE WORLD.
MODERN WEAPONS DIDN'T HARM SECOND BRAINS AT ALL.
THEY LEARNED A LOT, AND STARTED TO REACH OUT TO HUMANITY'S BLACK BOX,
HOWEVER,
DECIDED TO DISPOSE OF THE SECOND BRAINS.
AND THE HIGHER-UPS WHO REGARDED THEM AS DANGER-OUS...
THE SO CALLED "SUPER-NATURAL POWERS."
TO DEFEAT THEM, A PSYCHIC OF THEIR KIND BECAME ESSENTIAL.
SO THE POWER I USED WAS ALSO SUPERNATURAL, YOU SAY!?
WELL, YEAH.
IF I SAY THIS MUCH, YOU UNDERSTAND WHY I MADE YOU OUR COMRADE, RIGHT?
.. THE POWER TO MANI-PULATE WIND...


WE EXAMINED YOUR HOME,
AND WE FOUND SOMETHING LIKE A POWER SUPPRESSOR.
...BUT IT SEEMED LIKE ICHIHARA MOMOKO KNEW SOMETHING.
!?
WAIT A MOMENT!! WHY CAN I USE A POWER LIKE THAT IN THE FIRST PLACE!?
DUNNO.

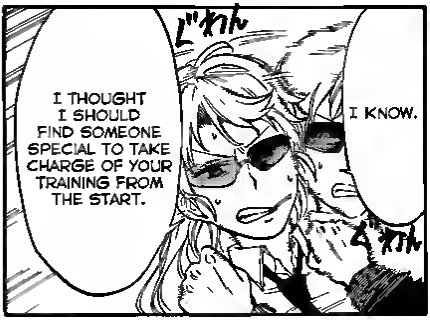
AT THE MOMENT, IT WOULD BE REALLY DIFFICULT TO LEARN THE TRUTH BEHIND IT.
AND THE REASON WHY SHE WANTED TO SUPPRESS THOSE POWERS.
THE REASON WHY YOU CAN ALSO USE SUPERNATURAL POWERS,
ANYWAY, ICHIHARA MOMOKO WAS ONE OF THOSE WHO DEVELOPED NUMBER 5 AND SURVIVED.

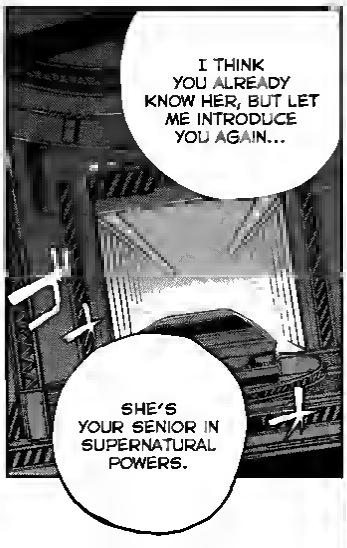
...NO,
WHAT ON EARTH AM I...!?
I DON'T GET IT...
MOM NEVER SAID A WORD ABOUT ANYTHING LIKE THAT—

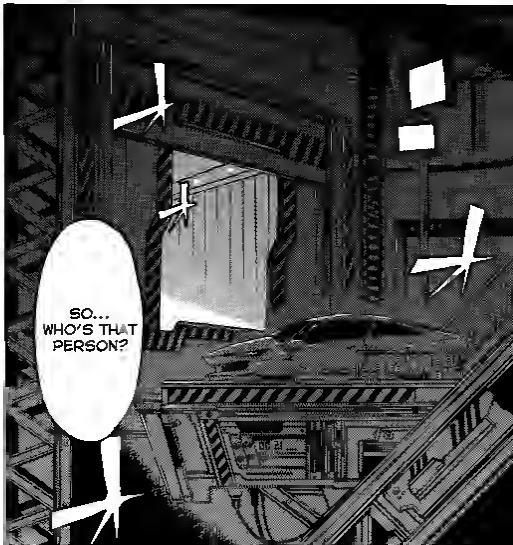
IF I CAN USE THIS POWER FOR REVENGE...
THEN IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT I AM...!!
WELL... I EXPLAINED SOMETHING, BUT...
TO BEAT THAT KID...
PRACTICING HOW TO USE THAT POWER IS ESSENTIAL...
.....
...SO, HOW MUCH TIME WILL THAT TRAINING TAKE...?
TO GET TO THE LEVEL WHERE YOU WON'T BE INSTA-KILLED BY THAT KID...
WELL, AT LEAST ONE YEAR... TO BE ABLE TO FIGHT PROPERLY, 4 OR 5 YEARS WOULD BE NECESSARY, I GUESS.
YOU...

I DON'T INTEND TO DO THINGS SO SLOWLY!!
CAN'T WE DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!?
AH...

YOU'RE KIDDING ME, RIGHT...?


I KNOW.
I THOUGHT I SHOULD FIND SOMEONE SPECIAL TO TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR TRAINING FROM THE START.


I THINK YOU ALREADY KNOW HER, BUT LET ME INTRODUCE YOU AGAIN...
SHE'S YOUR SENIOR IN SUPERNATURAL POWERS.


SO... WHO'S THAT PERSON?

I SEE... SO IT WASN'T JUST ME...
THERE ARE PEOPLE WITH POWERS OTHER THAN ME!?
JUST A FEW, BUT IT'S NOT RARE, EITHER.
HEY,
!!!
WAI-
AH
AA
AA
AH!

NUMBER 5.
No.1
sound only
AH... my, my...
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FOR NOW, I WILL FIX IT FOR YOU.
カシャ
YOU BROKE IT SPLENDIDLY.
THE ELECTRIC BRAIN IS A BIT EXHAUSTED, TOO.
IT'LL TAKE SOME TIME.
No.1
No.5
SO, HOW'S THE SPARE ONE WORKING?
TSK...
IT'S REACTION IS SLOW, I CAN'T MOVE PROPERLY. .
THE ELECTRIC BRAIN'S A SIMPLE ONE TOO, SO YOU CAN'T USE POWERS.
PLEASE BE CAREFUL
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I HAD NUMBER 3 INFILTRATE THE TOUHOKU REGION BEFORE YOU.
NUMBER 5, PLEASE LOOK FOR THE MILITARY'S HEADQUARTERS AGAIN.
SO I LEFT THAT CASE IN THE HANDS OF NUMBER 3.
No.1
IN ANY CASE, IF YOU'RE IN THIS STATE, NUMBER 5, THE PLAN IS DELAYED AS WELL.
FOR HIM!?
HUH!?
No.5
WAIT!! THAT'S MINE!!
DON'T LEAVE THAT IN NUMBER 3'S HANDS!!
HERE ARE THE BATTLE DROIDS I TALKED ABOUT EARLIER.
WE CAN'T BE SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME ON SOMETHING LIKE PEOPLE...
USE THEM TO SEARCH FOR THE ENEMY
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TN: ALPHA AND BETA

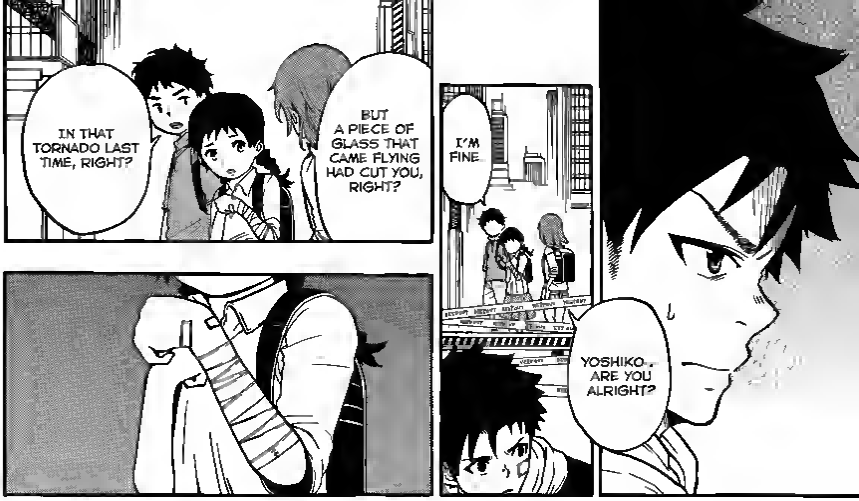
WE ARE THE ONES WHO WILL BECOME HUMAN...
SECOND BRAIN
-No.5-
BECAUSE WE ARE...
THE SECOND BRAIN OF THIS WORLD.

KUHH...
No.5
SECOND BRAIN

WE'LL BE THERE SOON, SO ENDURE IT.
UGH... I'M GONNA THROW UP...
WHAT KIND OF DRIVING STYLE IS THIS...?
WAI-
AAAH
AHHH!
UGH..
WHOA!
LOOK, NOW WE CAN SEE THE CITY
SEE... WE'VE ARRIVED, GET OFF.

THIS IS... THE BRIDGE FROM THAT TIME...!?
!
IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN... SHE'S...
!
HEEEY, HIKARI~
I SEE. I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING
TO BE IN CHARGE OF HIS TRAINING ..

HMM... WELL...
TO BEGIN WITH,
I'M EVEN AGAINST MAKING HIM OUR COMRADE.
NOT A CHANCE!!
WHY THE HECK!? I JUST...
WANT TO TAKE REVENGE FOR MY MOTHER!!
I UNDER-STAND YOUR FEELINGS OF WANTING TO TAKE REVENGE...
I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT, IT WAS MY FAULT...
HOWEVER,
THE RAMPAGE YOU WENT ON THE OTHER DAY...
YOUR POWER IS TOO DANGEROUS.


IN THAT TORNADO LAST TIME, RIGHT?
BUT A PIECE OF GLASS THAT CAME FLYING HAD CUT YOU, RIGHT?
I'M FINE.
YOSHIKO... ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

IF THOSE WHO CAN CONTROL THEIR POWERS TO FIGHT THEM ARE PEOPLE WITH SUPERNATURAL POWERS,
A POWER YOU CAN'T CONTROL HURTS TOTALLY UNRELATED PEOPLE...

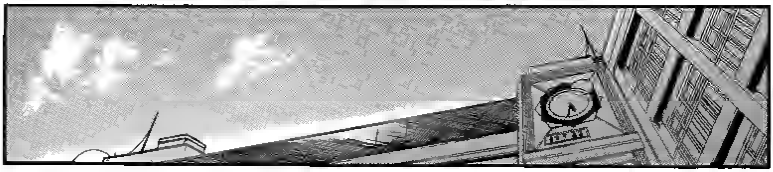
ARE NOTHING MORE THAN JUST A SIMPLE MONSTER.
THEN YOU, WHO ENTRUSTS IT TO YOUR RAGE AND JUST EXERTS YOUR POWER,

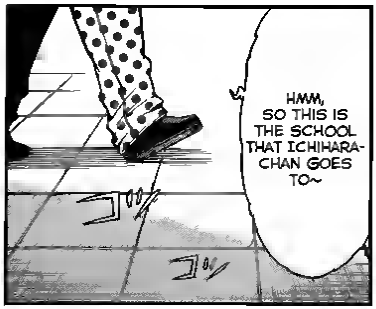
FOR SOMEBODY LIKE YOU,
I HAVE NOTHING TO TEACH.
!
CALL
YOU HAVE A PHONE CALL.
IT'S ME. WHAT HAPPENED?
MAJOR, THE SENSOR SPOTTED AN IRREGULARITY IN THE VICINITY OF MIYAGINOKU'S PARK.
HIKARI... IT'S THE ENEMY. CAN YOU GO OUT?
YES, I GOT IT.
ENEMY IS IT THAT KID'S COMRADE!?
IN THAT CASE, I WILL-
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
IS IT NUMBER 5?
NO... BUT IT'S A SIMILAR REACTION. IT'S PROBABLY A COMRADE OF NUMBER 5....
GOT IT. I'LL DEAL WITH IT IMMEDIATELY.

YOU JUST STAY PUT THERE.
KUHH...

THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO.
I WILL TAKE REVENGE FOR YOUR MOTHER IN YOUR STEAD...

MAJOR!!
HMM?
AH... YEAH...




HMM, SO THIS IS THE SCHOOL THAT ICHIHARA-CHAN GOES TO~
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THE NEXT TIME WE MEET, I'LL KILL HIM FOR SURE.
TSK— THAT ICHIHARA..
WHY DIDN'T HE COME TO SCHOOL...?

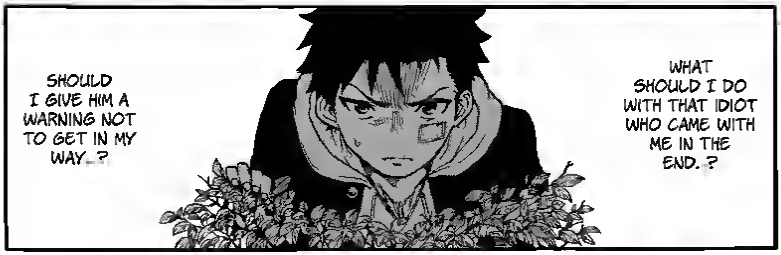
I AM THE RULER OF THIS WORLD.
ME, YOU SEE... THERE IS NO HELPING IT...
!!
WHO THE HECK ARE YOU!?
HM?
HMM, WHAT SHALL I DO?
FUFU EVEN IF I JUST KILL HIM OFF, IT'S NOT THAT INTERESTING.
AN UN-EXPECTED REWARD, I GUESS?
!
MUFUFU... I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO KILL ICHIHARA-CHAN, AND NOW THAT I CAME HERE...
YOU...
WON'T YOU KILL ICHIHARA-CHAN FOR ME?

WHAT? YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY.
YOU HAVE THE TALENT TO BEAR A "POWER".
POWER?
FUFU, YOU GET IT, RIGHT? IT'S THE SAME "POWER" ICHIHARA-CHAN HAS!!

!!!

IT'S NIGHT ALREADY...
ICHIHARA, WE'RE GOING HOME!
SENDAI ANNIVERSARY PARK
.....?
!!
THAT GUY, DON'T TELL ME!!

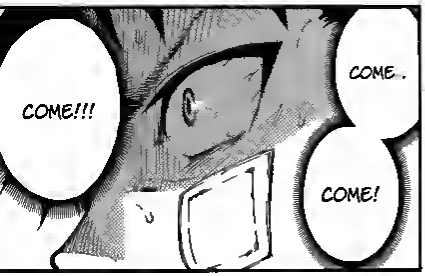
NOW, THEN...
AN ANDROID, HUH...
IT'S A TYPE I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE... IS IT A NEW MODEL...?


SHOULD I GIVE HIM A WARNING NOT TO GET IN MY WAY...?
WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THAT IDIOT WHO CAME WITH ME IN THE END...?

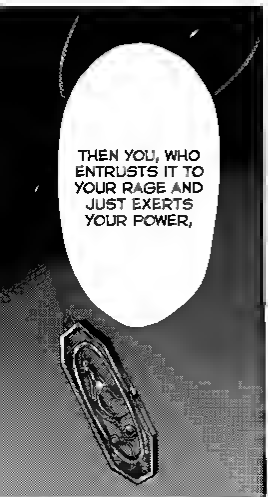
...NO,
I'LL JUST CLEAN IT UP BEFORE HE CAN BUTT IN...

A SWORD FROM THIN AIR...!?
SO SHE REALLY DOES HAVE SUPERNATURAL POWERS
NO... THAT DOESN'T MATTER...
SHIT... THAT PIPSQUEAK... MAKING LIGHT OF ME...
IF I CAN TAKE OUT THAT GUY, THEY'LL RECOGNIZE MY SKILL EVEN IF THEY DON'T WANT TO!!
TRAINING, AND STUFF... SAYING SCREWED UP STUFF LIKE I CAN'T DO ANYTHING,
SO THAT GUY IS THE ENEMY..

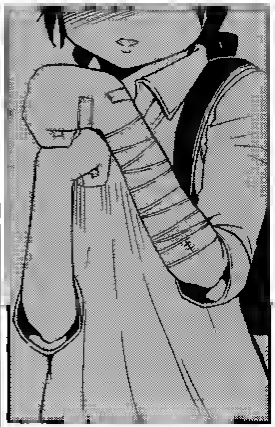
IS ME...!!!
THE ONE WHO WILL TAKE REVENGE FOR MOM...


COME!!!
COME.
COME!

I CAN
IF I CAN USE THE POWER FROM THAT TIME,


THEN YOU, WHO ENTRUSTS IT TO YOUR RAGE AND JUST EXERTS YOUR POWER,

A POWER YOU CAN'T CONTROL HURTS TOTALLY UNRELATED PEOPLE...
IF THOSE WHO CAN CONTROL THEIR POWERS TO FIGHT THEM ARE PEOPLE WITH SUPERNATURAL POWERS,



ARE NOTHING MORE THAN JUST A SIMPLE MONSTER.
!?
WHA WHAT THE HECK!?
ALL BY ITSELF !!
!!
THAT IDIOT!!
A RAMPAGE, AGAIN!!

AA
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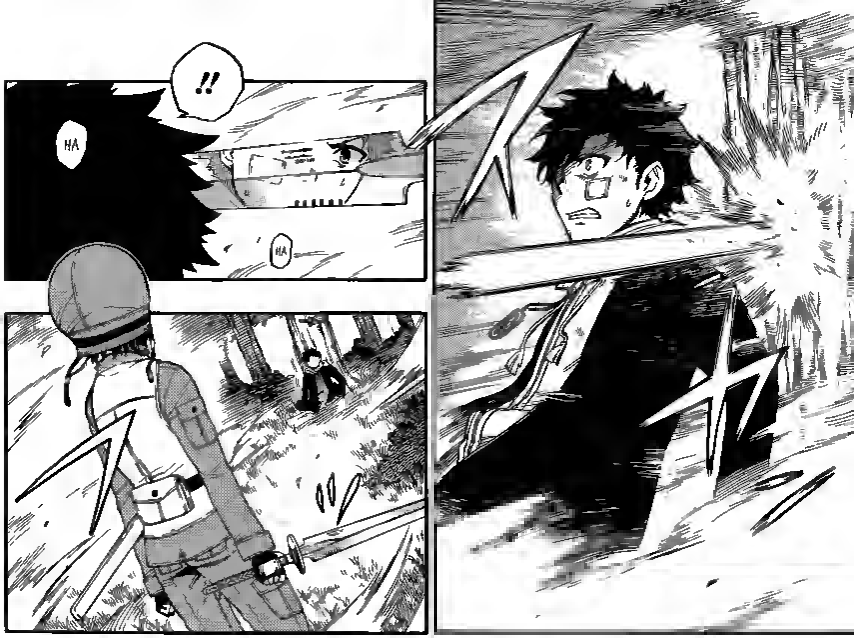
AA
AA
STOP!!
STOP!!
STOP!!
!?
AGAIN, I'M...
HA
HA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HA

ビクッ
DON'T DO ANYTHING.
GOT IT?
YOU IDIOT.

YOU'RE WRO-
I JUST WANTED TO TAKE REVE-!!
YOU ARE...
...SIMILAR TO ME...
SO I DON'T WANT YOU TO MISUNDER-STAND..
THAT POWER CAN EASILY HURT PEOPLE...
THAT'S PRECISELY WHY .
YOU CAN'T MISTAKE HOW TO USE THAT POWER...
OH, NO!!
KILL—
MILI-TARY UN-FORM
!!

WATCH OUT!!
SHIT!!
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I'LL LURE HIM AWAY. RUN!!
UGH...
WAIT!! I-

HA AAA AAA A!!!
CLANK

!!!
GUHH!!!
HA
BECAUSE OF ME, SOMEONE GOT INJURED AGAIN.
HA
GUH.
HEY, ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?
!!

I THINK I TOLD YOU ALREADY, YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING...
!!
BUT... BECAUSE OF ME...!!
...I'M FINE...
YOU STEP BACK.
HEY!!
SHIT!!
!?
WHAT'S THAT...
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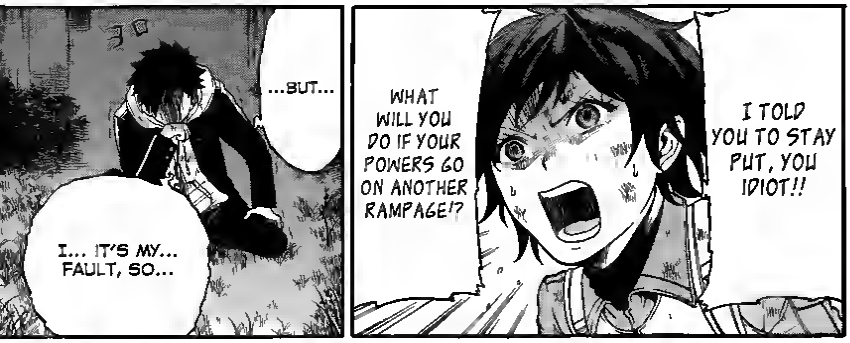
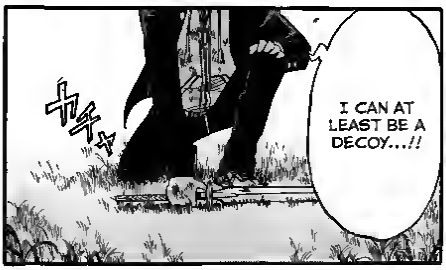
IT CAN'T REACH HIM!?
BUHH!


...BUT...
I... IT'S MY... FAULT, SO...
WHAT WILL YOU DO IF YOUR POWERS GO ON ANOTHER RAMPAGE!?
I TOLD YOU TO STAY PUT, YOU IDIOT!!

AND I CAUSED YOU TROUBLE...
I'M A MONSTER... AND I CAN'T DO ANYTHING, EITHER...
IT'S JUST AS YOU SAY...

EVEN SO, I...
CAN'T STAND BEING UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING!!

IMPOSSIBLE! HIS BODY IS PROTECTED BY TELEKINESIS!! WITHOUT POWERS-
EVEN SO,


I CAN AT LEAST BE A DECOY...!!

EVEN IF I DON'T USE SUPERNATURAL POWERS...
I CAN DO SOMETHING...

HAAH...
JUST... DO WHAT YOU WANT.
.....
SMILE
KILL...
HUMAN
!!
HERE I AM, OLD MAN!!!
!!

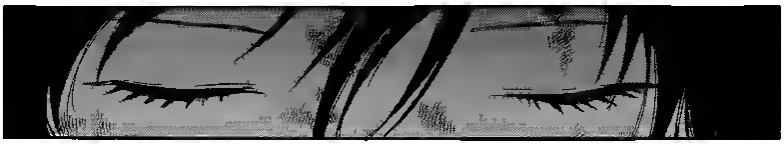
NGGH!!
SHIT!!
HI-
YAH!!!
ACTIVATE!!!
HESITATE
ARMS...

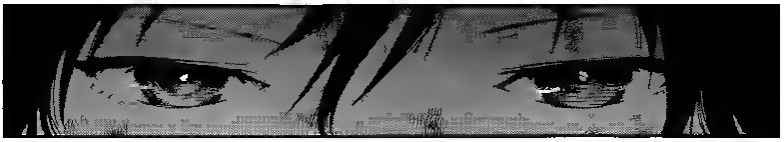
NOW THE DISTANCE IS ENOUGH. IF I CAN USE STRONGER TELE-KINESIS THAN HE CAN,
I CAN DEFEAT HIM IN ONE HIT!!
SHARPLY...

SHARPEN...
MY MIND...
USE-LESS...
HUMAN...
GUHH... GUHH...
!!

I'M FINE...
YOU JUST FOCUS
FOCUS!!
!!

I'M DOING WHAT I CAN..
SO IT'S FINE!!
...DO AS YOU WISH.
!
DON'T SCREW AROUND, HUMAN!!
SMILE

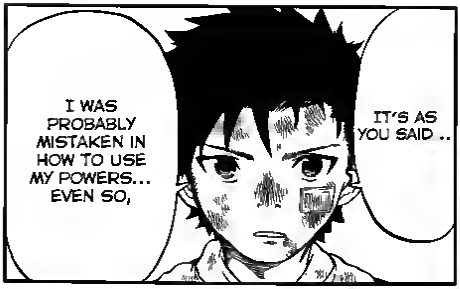




T/N "QUICKDRAW"

HANEN ICHISHIKI!!
T/N: ANOTHER MADE UP WORD IT MEANS SOMETHING LIKE "FIRST TYPE DESTRUCTIVE AURA"

A AMAZING
WE WON...


I WAS PROBABLY MISTAKEN IN HOW TO USE MY POWERS... EVEN SO,
IT'S AS YOU SAID ..

I CAUSED YOU SOME TROUBLE...
BECAUSE I DID SOMETHING SELFISH...
.....

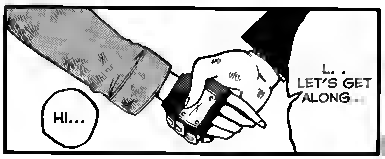
SO...
I... WANT TO TAKE REVENGE FOR MY MOM, NO MATTER WHAT...

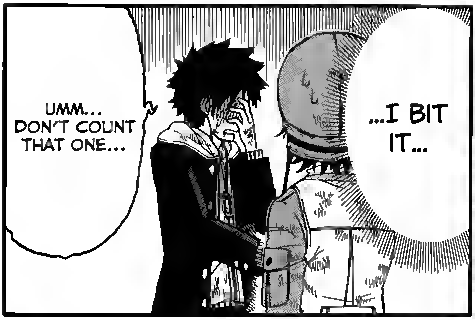
PLEASE,
TEACH ME HOW TO USE MY POWERS...

YOU ARE A DANGEROUS BEING.
I STILL CAN'T COMPLETELY TRUST YOU...
BUT...
I REFUSE.
.....
IT WOULD BE BAD. .
TO SAY THAT AND LET YOU DO ABSURD THINGS LIKE THAT AGAIN
THERE'S NO OTHER WAY...
I, TONOKAI HIKARI, WILL GO WITH YOU FOR A BIT.
!
IT'S JUST TO OBSERVE YOU, BUT...

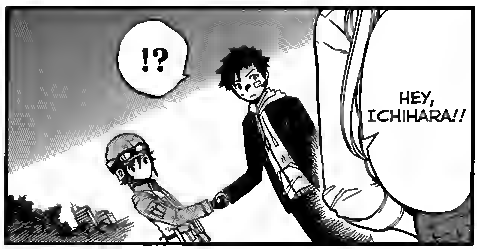
CALL ME HIKARI..
IT'D BE WEIRD TO HEAR YOU CALL ME "-SAN".
EH. WELL... THEN...
WEIRD!?

AH... YEAH, ME TOO..
UMM... TO... TONOKAI SAN...
FOR NOW.
LET'S GET ALONG, SHUNICHI.


L.. LET'S GET ALONG..
HI...


...I BIT IT...
UMM... DON'T COUNT THAT ONE...

HI...
BITE
KYARI...


!?
HEY, ICHIHARA!!

WHA...
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK...
?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
SO YOU WERE HERE...
DON'T JUST DO AS YOU WISH. WHAT A BOTHER..
COME. WE'LL GO HOME.
MAJOR!!!
YOU'RE THE WORST!!!
BY THE WAY, MY HOBBY IS TO TEASE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS.
OHO... I SEE... ICHIHARA-KUN.
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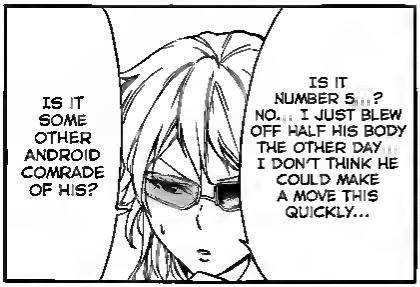
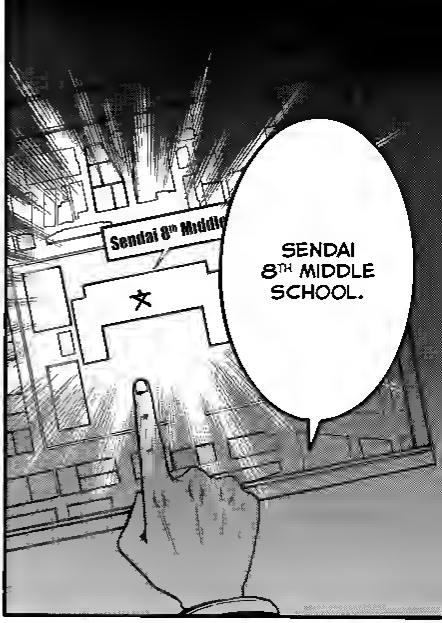
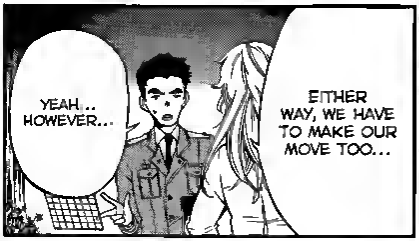
AND ..
WHERE'S THE PLACE?
IS IT NUMBER 5 THIS TIME!?
HOWEVER, IT'S CLEAR THAT IT'S REACTING TO A SUPERNATURAL POWER
NO, I DON'T KNOW...
A POWERFUL BRAIN WAVE HAS BEEN CONFIRMED IN THE CITY
A MES-SAGE FROM HQ


IS IT NUMBER 5...?
NO... I JUST BLEW OFF HALF HIS BODY THE OTHER DAY... I DON'T THINK HE COULD MAKE A MOVE THIS QUICKLY...
IS IT SOME OTHER ANDROID COMRADE OF HIS?


SENDAI 8TH MIDDLE SCHOOL.


EITHER WAY, WE HAVE TO MAKE OUR MOVE TOO...
YEAH... HOWEVER...

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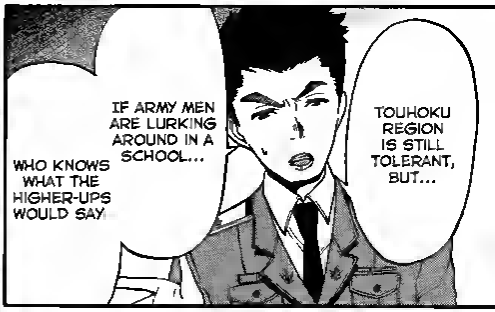
TOUHOKU REGION IS STILL TOLERANT, BUT...
IF ARMY MEN ARE LURKING AROUND IN A SCHOOL...
WHO KNOWS WHAT THE HIGHER-UPS WOULD SAY

WELL... I SUPPOSE THAT'S RIGHT
HMM? WAIT A SECOND...
IF I'M RIGHT, THIS MIDDLE SCHOOL...

WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT YOUR BRAIN COULD ENDURE MY POWER CIRCUIT...
AS I THOUGHT, YOU HAVE THE TALENT TO HAVE THESE POWERS...
OOPS, BUT BE CAREFUL NOT TO OVERUSE THAT POWER. YOUR BRAIN'S STOPPER HAS BEEN REMOVED.
HA
HA
HA
THIS IS MY POWER...?
I KNOW...
AAH...
JUST WAIT FOR ME,
ICHIHARA...
THE AWAKENED NAKASE... THE WHEEL OF DESTINY TURNS...!
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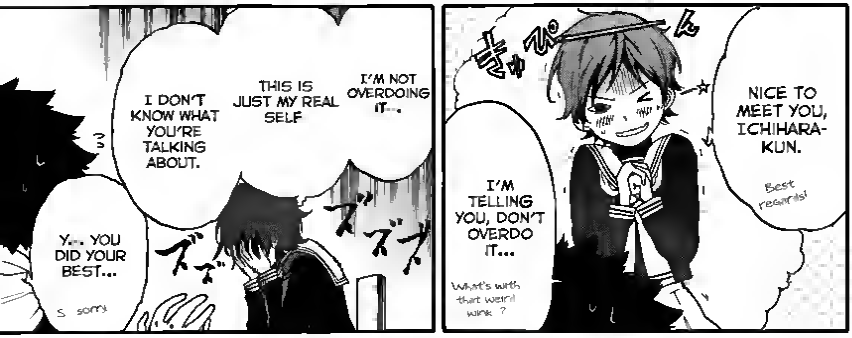
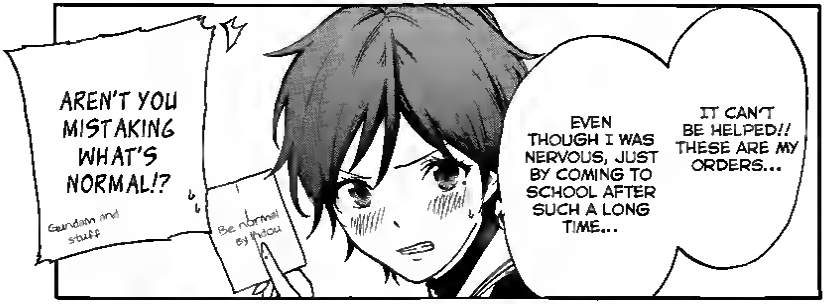
Chapter 3: For Whom the Wind Blows

WE ARE THE SAME KIND...
THE TRUTH IS, WE DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO BELONG...
ISN'T THAT RIGHT...
ICHIHARA ...?
A CLASH OF PSYCHERS IS DRAWING NEAR...!?
STARTING TODAY, A TRANSFER STUDENT WILL STUDY TOGETHER WITH YOU ALL.
HMM, THEN,
INTRODUCE YOURSELF.
A-5
A-4
A-3

TO .
N...NICE TO MEET CHYUU.
TONOKAI HIKYARI.
.....
SHE STUTTERED..
DON'T OVERDO IT!!!
E ESPECIALLY THE ANIME MOVIE "CHAR'S COUNTER ATTACK"!!
MY FAVORITE ANIME IS G... GUNDAM!!
SHE'S KINDA MY TYPE
SAY, SHE'S CUTE, ISN'T SHE?
OH!! THE SEAT NEXT TO ITCHUHARA IS OPEN.
THEN, TONOKAI'S SEAT WILL BE..
DID I SAY TOO MUCH..?

THAT INDOU EVEN PREPARED THIS MUCH?
N...
A NEW DESK HE HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE
.....


I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
THIS IS JUST MY REAL SELF
I'M NOT OVERDOING IT-.
Y-.. YOU DID YOUR BEST...
s sorry
NICE TO MEET YOU, ICHIHARA-KUN.
Best regards!
I'M TELLING YOU, DON'T OVERDO IT...
What's with that weird wink ?


AREN'T YOU MISTAKING WHAT'S NORMAL!?
Random and stuff
Be normal by then
EVEN THOUGH I WAS NERVOUS, JUST BY COMING TO SCHOOL AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME...
IT CAN'T BE HELPED!! THESE ARE MY ORDERS...

LISTEN, YOU TWO,
.....

WE DON'T YET KNOW WHETHER THE POWER READINGS FROM THE SCHOOL PREMISES. . WERE FROM NUMBER 5 .. OR MAYBE FROM ONE OF HIS COMRADES...
YOU WILL INFILTRATE THE SCHOOL AND INVESTIGATE.
WELL, ICHIHARA CAN JUST GO TO SCHOOL AS ALWAYS...
YOU TWO, ACT TOGETHER AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.
WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THE ENEMY WILL ATTACK.
THIS TIME, IT'S JUST AN INVESTIGATION.. THERE ARE MANY ORDINARY PEOPLE, TOO
EVADE BATTLE TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY.
INVESTIGATION WITHOUT BATTLE ...?
I WANT TO BECOME TO BE ABLE TO CONTROL MY POWERS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE
IDIOT!! WE'RE AN ORGANIZATION, YOU HAVE TO ABIDE BY THE ORDERS.
ALSO, SEARCHING FOR A MYSTERIOUS ENEMY POWER USER AND COMING UP WITH PLANS AGAINST IT IS A GREAT TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!
DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT TRIVIAL THINGS, AND GO!!
HAAH... IT'S TOO WINDY...
.....

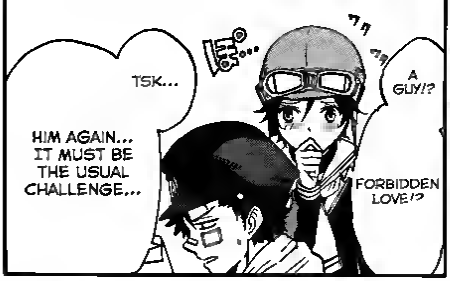
I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER THE LAST TIME I WORE A SKIRT..
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT..?
AH, NO.. NOT THAT...
HMM, THEN... HOMEROOM ENDS NOW.
FIRST PERIOD IS IN A DIFFERENT CLASSROOM.. DON'T BE LATE.
ITCHU-HARA...
YOUR MOTHER... IN AN AC-CIDENT...
SORRY... IT WAS REALLY SUDDEN, WHEN THEY CONTACTED ME, SO I COULDN'T EVEN GO TO THE FUNERAL...
I SEE— SO EVERY-ONE WAS TOLD IT WAS AN ACCIDENT—
AH... NO... IT'S ALRIGHT...

THAT WASN'T AN ACCIDENT OR ANYTHING
I JUST COULDN'T PROTECT MOM..
がばっ
HMM, NOW, CHEER UP ALREADY
IT'S A RARE CHANCE, I MADE A LOVELY LADY SIT BESIDE YOU
THAT WAS YOUR DOING!?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, HURRY, WE SHOULD GO.
..HIKARI
...COMING TO SCHOOL LIKE THIS,
SOME-HOW,
THAT KID, AND THE FIGHT WITH THAT ROBOT YESTERDAY, ALL SEEMS LIKE A LIE...
YOU ARE ALREADY ON SUCH GOOD TERMS..
YOU REALLY ARE SOMETHING, ITCHUHARA!
I HOPE YOU DIDN'T TALK ABOUT ANYTHING WEIRD
I DIDN'T
BUT ALL OF IT IS THE TRUTH
THIS COUNTRY'S. THIS TOWN'S LIGHT SIDE AND DARK SIDE..
WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THESE ORDINARY DAYS WILL BE BROKEN BY THOSE SECOND BRAINS...

ORDINARY DAYS... HUH...
BUT I CAN'T GO BACK ANYMORE...
HAAH...
WE LOOKED AROUND, AND NO RESULTS...
WE CAN'T DENY THAT IT'S ONE OF NUMBER 5'S ANDROID UNDERLINGS,
BUT WE DIDN'T FIND ANY REACTION LIKE THAT, EITHER...
WHICH MEANS IT'S A HUMAN...
HUMAN?
I'VE... HEARD ABOUT PEOPLE WHO GOT POWERS FROM SECOND BRAIN, BEFORE...
IN ANY CASE, SOMEONE WHO CAN ENTER AND EXIT THE SCHOOL FREELY...
IT'S HIGHLY POSSIBLE THAT IT'S SOMEONE CONNECTED TO THE SCHOOL.
17:25
...IT'S THIS LATE ALREADY... EVERYONE WENT HOME, TOO...
IT CAN'T BE HELPED. WE MUST WITHDRAW FOR TODAY, TOO...

!
YOU WERE WEARING THAT WEIRD HAT WHEN YOU CAME, TOO.
IT'S NOT WEIRD!! DON'T BE RUDE!!
IT'S CALLED A JAMMING-HAT, AND IT PROTECTS THE HEAD FROM THE ENEMY'S STRONG BRAINWAVES
Block
IT WON'T BE EXPOSED!!
IT ALSO HIDES YOUR OWN POWER READINGS AND YOUR BRAINWAVE-RING
...? BRAINWAVE... RING?
WHEN YOUR RING IS STABLE, IT PROVES THAT YOUR POWER IS STABLE AS WELL.
WHEN YOU USE A POWERFUL MOVE, A RING APPEARS AROUND YOUR HEAD
HOW-EVER,
IF THE RING IS DEFLECTED, IT MEANS YOUR POWER IS UNSTABLE
THOUGH POWER USERS NORMALLY HIDE THIS...
It stands out
ゴソ...
ゴソ...
AH, RIGHT,

A SCHOOL CAP?
LAME... IS THIS THE SHOWA ERA!?
THIS IS YOURS.
!?
THEN, WELL, IT'S OKAY...
!
WHAT'S THAT LETTER?
IF YOU SAY IT SUITS ME,
A LOVE LETTER!!?
……
YEAH, YEAH... IT SUITS YOU WELL!!
MY SELECTION WAS PERFECT!!


TSK...
HIM AGAIN... IT MUST BE THE USUAL CHALLENGE...
A GUY!?
FORBIDDEN LOVE!?

Nakase Tatsuya

I'LL IGNORE IT
LET'S GO HOME.
RUSTLE

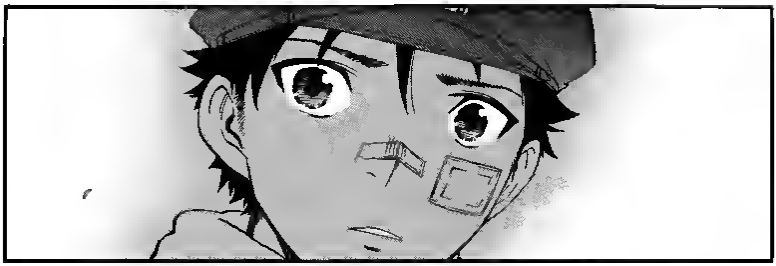
SAY, HIKARI...

MOM DIED.
...BUT IT'S THE TRUTH THAT...

THE INFORMATION WAS MANIPULATED SLIGHTLY... IT'S SOMETHING WE CAN'T TELL ORDINARY PEOPLE.

EVERYONE'S BEEN TOLD THAT MOM DIED IN AN ACCIDENT...
THIS MORNING, THE TEACHER SAID IT, BUT. .

IF I...
DIDN'T GO ON A RAMPAGE ...
AND IF I COULD USE MY POWERS PROPERLY, I COULD HAVE SAVED MOM...
IF I COULD USE MY POWERS PROPERLY, I COULD BEAT THAT KID...
I COULD TAKE RE-VENGE...
BUT EVEN IF I DO THAT, MOM WILL NEVER COME BACK...
I KNOW THAT...
THAT'S WHY... THIS TIME AROUND...
I WANT TO USE THIS POWER TO SAVE SOME-ONE.
SHUN-ICHI-...
UNTIL NOW, I HURT A LOT OF PEOPLE BECAUSE OF THIS POWER...
SAYING THIS NOW MIGHT BE ASKING A BIT TOO MUCH...
EVEN THEN, I...



YOU... MUST BE THE SAME KIND AS ME...

DON'T SCREW AROUND!!
ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT...
THE REASON TATSUYA WAS FIGHTING IS THAT MY EDUCATION IS WRONG!?
YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY THAT, DO YOU!?

I'M IRRITATED... I WANT TO DESTROY ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING...

I DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO BELONG...

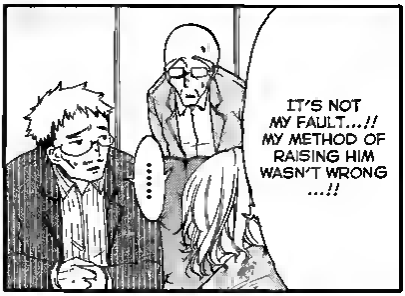
EVEN THOUGH YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE A PLACE TO BELONG...

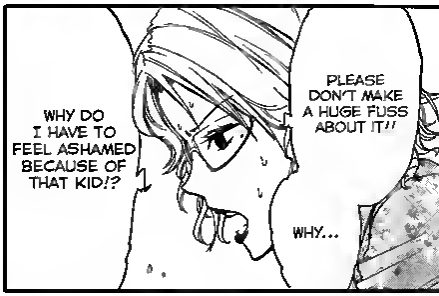
CALL
YOU'VE GOT A CALL..
Sendai 8th Middle School
XXX-XXXX
?
FROM SCHOOL?
AH, ITCHUHARA?
I WANT TO ASK SOMETHING.
HAVE YOU SEEN CLASS 2'S NAKASE ANYWHERE?
HUH? NAKASE?
IT SEEMS LIKE HE HASN'T BEEN HOME SINCE YESTERDAY...
...
NAKASE ...?
AH!!
THERE'S NO WAY HE WOULD COME TO MY PLACE...
I SEE... GOT IT...
A LETTER OF CHALLENGE!? I DON'T WANT TO GO!!
I will wait at the riverbed today at 7 pm.
Nakase Tatsuya

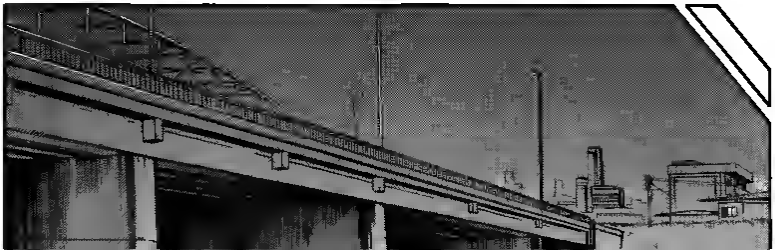
POLICE!?

THERE'S NO OTHER WAY BUT FOR ME TO GO, HUH. .
SHIT... SO BOTHER-SOME...
...COULD HE STILL BE WAITING FOR ME!? THE IDIOT... IT'S 10 PM ALREADY, YOU KNOW?

NO, BUT...
PLEASE, ANYTHING BUT THE POLICE...!!
WHAT WILL MY HUSBAND SAY AGAIN!?
THAT'S NO GOOD AT ALL.


IT'S NOT MY FAULT...!! MY METHOD OF RAISING HIM WASN'T WRONG ...!!


WHY DO I HAVE TO FEEL ASHAMED BECAUSE OF THAT KID!?
PLEASE DON'T MAKE A HUGE FUSS ABOUT IT!!
WHY...



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RUSTLE
HEY, NAKASE, THE SCHOOL'S LOOKING FOR YOU.
GO HOME ALREADY.
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OOPS... DO YOU HEAR ME?
UWAH HE'S HERE
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WAITING HERE!?
!!
ICHIHARA.
HEY, NAKASE!!

YOU AND I ARE SIMILAR...

THAT'S WHY I'M EVEN MORE IRRITATED...!!

I CAN'T MOVE!!
WHAT'S THIS!?
!!!
IS IT AN ABILITY!?
I'VE HEARD ABOUT PEOPLE WHO GOT POWERS FROM SECOND BRAIN, BEFORE..
COULD IT BE- THAT NAKASE.
IS A POWER USER!!?

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MAJOR!!
A POWER READING NEXT TO THE HIROSE RIVERBED!
HUH!?
IT'S FAR FROM THE SCHOOL!!
WELL, OKAY.
SEND HIKARI AND THE BOY OVER THERE IMMEDIATELY!
I will wait at the riverbed today at 7pm
Hakase Tatsuya
THIS...
SHUNICHI!!
HUH!? HE'S NOT HERE!?
THAT IDIOT!!
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CREEPING ON THE GROUND LIKE THAT IS WHAT SUITS YOU!!
GUH...
IT'S A GREAT SENSATION, ICHIHARA...
A MONSTER LIKE YOU HAS NO PLACE TO BELONG!!
SHIT..
IF I COULD USE MY POWERS...
NAKASE ...!!!
GUHH...
YOU...
SHIT!! MOVE!!
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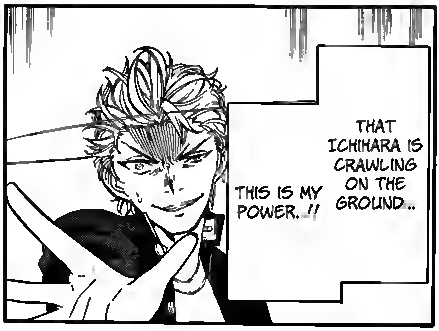
THAT'S PRECISELY WHY YOU CAN'T MISTAKE HOW TO USE THAT POWER...
THIS POWER CAN EASILY HURT OTHERS...
...I CAN'T DO THAT!!



...YOU AND I ARE SIMILAR...

WHY...
SHUN-ICHI!!
YOU...
SHOULDN'T HAVE A PLACE TO BELONG
I'M SORRY, MY KID IS ALWAYS...
YOU APOLOGIZE TOO!!
I DON'T WANT TO BOW MY HEAD EVEN IF I DIE...!!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT!!
YOU KID, WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS MAKING ME WORRIED...?
TSK...
I'M REALLY SORRY. I WILL LECTURE THIS KID PROPERLY.
WHY?
I DON'T WANT TO, EVEN IF I DIE!!
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REMEMBER TO REFLECT ON WHAT YOU DID...!!
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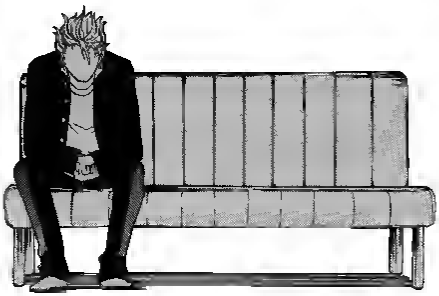

AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS NO PLACE TO BELONG?

EVEN THEN, THAT WAS NOT THE PLACE I BELONGED
IT'S NOT THAT I DIDN'T HAVE PEOPLE WHO HUNG OUT WITH ME BUT
HE REALLY IRRITATES ME
KYAHAHA FOR REAL?

EVERY FOOTHOLD COLLAPSES UNDER MY WEIGHT...!!
THERE ISN'T A SINGLE PLACE THAT CAN SUPPORT MY WEIGHT!!
IF THAT'S THE CASE... I DON'T NEED ANY!!!
I WILL DESTROY EVERYTHING WITH THAT WEIGHT!!!
SAY!!
ICHIHARA!!!
!!
IT'S LIKE THAT, RIGHT!?
WHO ARE YOU!?

YOU DID AS YOU PLEASED AGAIN...
SHUN-ICHI...
HIKARI!!!
WHAT ARE YOU, YOU...
IT MIGHT BE UNFAIR, BUT I WILL ASSIST HIM.
I'M THAT IDIOT'S ALLY.
!!?
I DON'T LIKE THAT ...!!
ALLY, YOU SAY?
AS I THOUGHT, HE'S A STUDENT OF THAT SCHOOL
SO HE'S THE ABILITY USER

A PERSONAL ABILITY!?
I CAN'T GET AWAY WITH MY TELE-KINESIS!?
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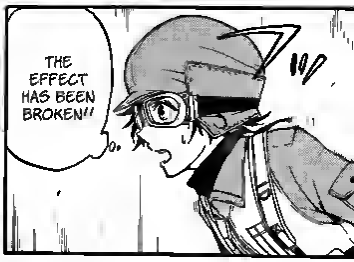
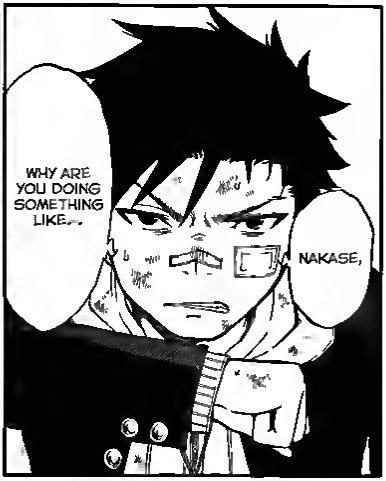
PUSH
…!!
HUH!?
I… CAN MOVE!!
ARRGH!!
!!
NAKASE!!!

GUHH...
YOU BASTARD...


THE EFFECT HAS BEEN BROKEN!!

BUHH!


WHY ARE YOU DOING SOMETHING LIKE...
NAKASE,

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GUHH...
FEH...
I WON'T HOLD BACK ANYMORE...
WHA...

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SORRY, BUT I WILL FIGHT SERIOUSLY FOR A BIT.

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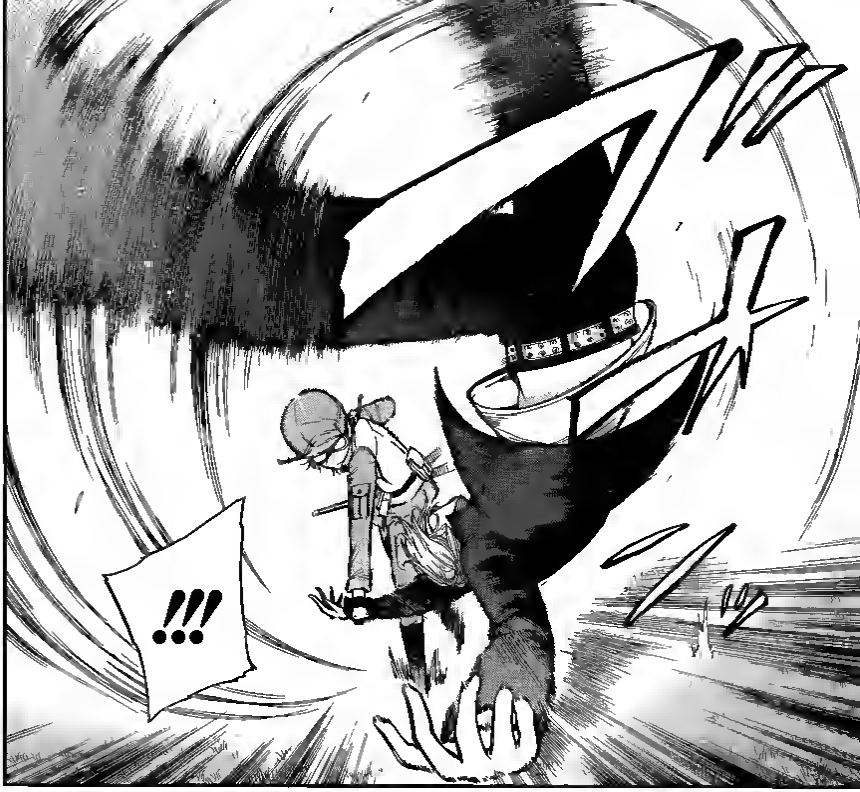
SCREWING AROUND LIKE THAT...!!

GAHA!
SHIT!!
YOU PIP-SQUEAK!!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GUHH...
GRIP

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GUAHH!!

IT'S MY WIN.
YOUR ABILITY IS PROBABLY MAKING THINGS HEAVY.
A "WEIGHT" ABILITY.
IF YOU USED YOUR ABILITY ON ME NOW,
IT WOULD CRUSH YOU TO DEATH, I GUESS.
KUHH...
SHUNICHI, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
HELP ME.
AH... AAH...
NAKASE... WHY DID YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS...?
ALSO, WHERE DID YOU GET THAT POWER?
WE'LL BRING HIM TO HQ.
WE'LL LISTEN TO WHAT HE HAS TO SAY AFTER THAT.
.....
SHIT...!!

SHIT.
HE CAN USE TELE-KINESIS!?
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ME!!!
!!
SHUN-ICHI!!!
HIKARI!!!

SINK.
KYAA!!
!!!
HIKARI!!

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IT'S USELESS
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NO GOOD... MY POWER
MY BODY IS HEAVY
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HEAVY!?
WAIT HERE.
!!
DON'T GIVE UP!!
I WILL DEFINI-TELY...
SAVE YOU!!!

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SHIT!!
WHY WON'T IT MOVE...!?
!!!
HIKARI!?
!!!
NO WAY!!
DON'T DIE!!
AGAIN, I...

I.....!!!
I COULDN'T SAVE MOM. . I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING!!
SHIT!! IT'S THE SAME AS THAT TIME.
I COULD'VE SAVED HER!!
IF I HAD POWER...
THAT'S PRECISELY WHY YOU CAN'T MISTAKE HOW TO USE THAT POWER...
THIS POWER CAN EASILY HURT OTHERS...
I'VE HURT A LOT OF PEOPLE... EVEN THEN...
...IF THAT'S YOUR WISH,
I'M SURE YOU CAN CHANGE.

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HEHEH...
THEY SANK ALREADY...

!?

S...
SINK!!!
NO WAY...
ICHIHARA, USING HIS ABILITY!?
SHIT!!
COULD THIS WIND BE...

SINK!!!
HIKARI!!
YOU TOLD ME, TOO!!
I'LL PROTECT YOU, THIS TIME!!!
I...
SAY, RIGHT!!?
I CAN CHANGE!!!

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AA
AN UPDRAFT ...!!?
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HE'S SUPPORTING THEIR BODIES WITH THE WIND!!?
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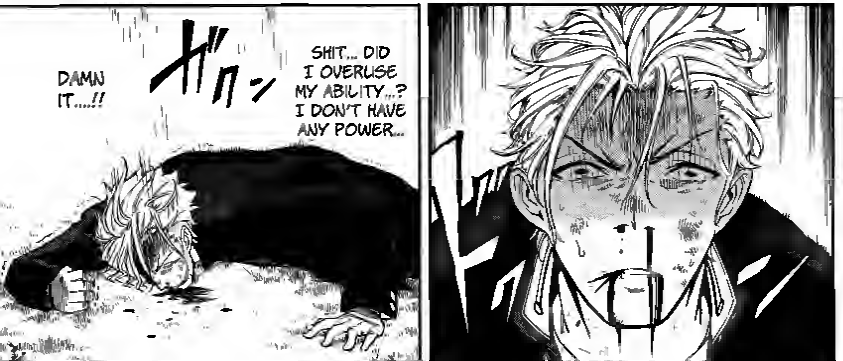
WHAT!?
WHY DON'T THEY SINK...!?


DAMN IT....!!
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SHIT... DID I OVERUSE MY ABILITY...? I DON'T HAVE ANY POWER...

INHALE

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SHUN...
I...CHI...?

THE WATER FROM THE RIVER...!?
THIS IS...
!

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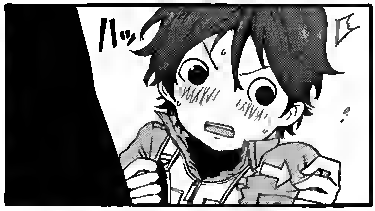
WIND...!?
HIKARI ...!!
THANK GOODNESS...

UMM .. AHEM... IT'S ALRIGHT ALREADY, SO...
UMM... YOUR HAND...

A CLEAN BRAINWAVE-RING. I SEE SHUNICHI'S ABILITY.



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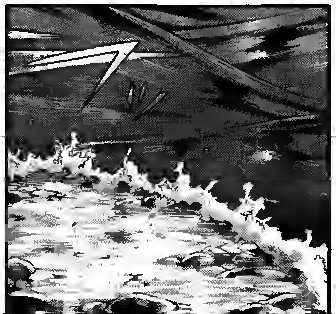

SECOND LIEUTENANT!! ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?
ARE YOU OKAY!?
UGH... I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA DIE...

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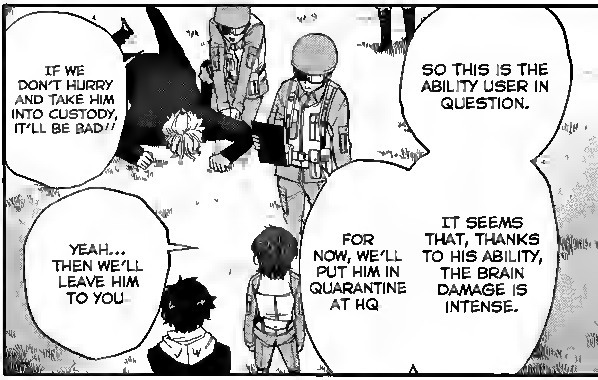
KUHH...
DAMN IT... WHAT IS IT...?
DON'T SCREW AROUND

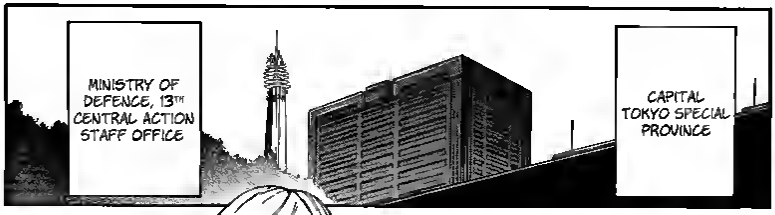

IF WE DON'T HURRY AND TAKE HIM INTO CUSTODY, IT'LL BE BAD!!
YEAH... THEN WE'LL LEAVE HIM TO YOU
FOR NOW, WE'LL PUT HIM IN QUARANTINE AT HQ
SO THIS IS THE ABILITY USER IN QUESTION.
IT SEEMS THAT, THANKS TO HIS ABILITY, THE BRAIN DAMAGE IS INTENSE.

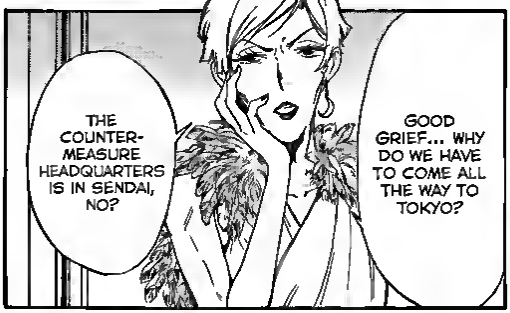
...AGAIN, I...
...NAKASE

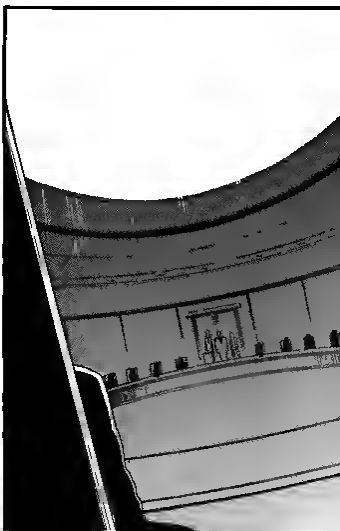
YOU MUSTN'T TALK YOU'LL DIE!!
WH...Y...
WHY, JUST YOU...!?

RATHER, I'M GLAD WE CAN PROTECT HIM NOW...
HE'S ALSO... BEEN USED BY THEM...
ALSO, THIS IS NOT YOUR FAULT...
IT'S OKAY... WE'LL START THE TREATMENT SOON...
YOU... SAVED ME, NO? I'M GRATEFUL.
IT'S NOT SOMETHING TO FRET OVER...
WE HAD TO STOP THEM, EVEN IF BY FORCE...
SHUN-ICHI...
THANK YOU...

IT'S THE FIRST TIME... THAT SOMEONE IS GRATEFUL TO ME...







AND WE .. ARE THE OWNERS OF THOSE DOGS.
ISN'T IT JUST NATURAL THAT THE DOG COMES TO THE OWNER?
A PLACE WHERE ABILITY USER HOUNDS CAN HUNT FOR SECOND BRAIN...
THAT PLACE...
IS NOTHING MORE THAN A KENNEL FOR THEM.
外海 光
市原 春一
AND YOU ARE THE DOGS' TRAINER.
SO THAT THEY DON'T DO WHATEVER THEY LIKE.
YOUR JOB... IS TO PROPERLY COLLAR THEM.
TONOKAI RYOUJIROU, SPECIAL DUTY COLONEL-
NO...
SENDAI HEADQUARTERS GENERAL MANAGER.
THE REASON THE GENERAL MANAGER WAS CALLED TO TOKYO...!?
SECOND BRAIN
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